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Bureau of Labor Statistics Releases Handbook on National Occupational Outlook

For the first time, BLS projections tell American workers--and prospective workers--where the jobs are likely to be up to the 21st century. These projections are published in the 1988-89 edition of the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, just issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The *Handbook* now covers 225 occupations--25 more than in the previous edition.

The additions reflect current economic concerns and the increasing complexity of business operations by including occupations such as cost estimators, operations research analysts, and management analysts and consultants. They also reflect scientific breakthroughs and changing demographics by including new fields such as nuclear medicine technology, an aspect of radiologic technology, and homemaker/home health care. Other societal changes are evident in the proliferation of managerial and administrative specialties. The *Handbook* now discusses property and real estate managers and general managers and top executives.

According to the 1988-89 *Handbook*, health and computer fields hold the best prospects for job opportunities. An additional 2.7 million jobs in health-related fields will account for about 1 of 8 new jobs by the year 2000. Job opportunities will be very favorable for registered nurses, therapists, and other health care specialists. Rapid growth also is expected in computer-related occupations, including systems analysts, programmers, and computer operators.

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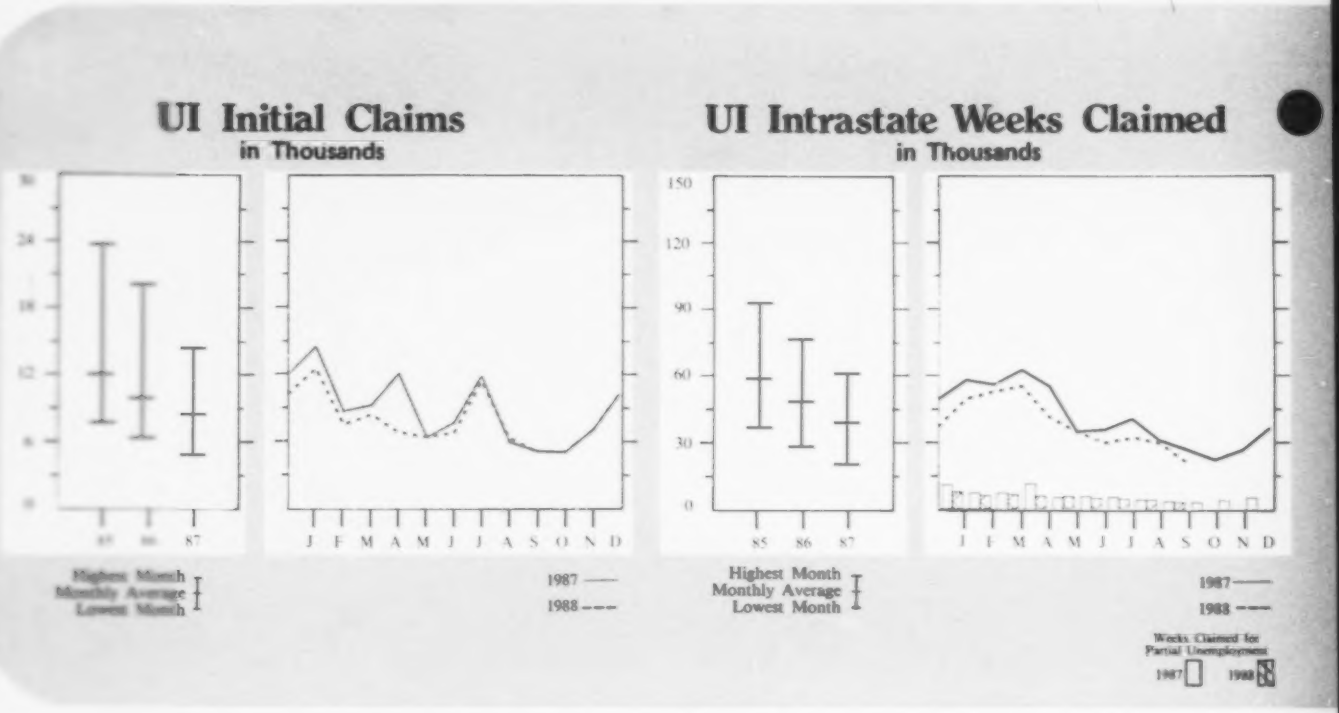

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The occupational projections incorporate assessments of future developments in the labor force, economic performance, structure of demand, and industry employment, with specific assumptions about productivity, unemployment, fiscal policy, defense spending, and taxes. Labor force assessments, for example, include immigration up to the year 2000 and the participation of women and Hispanics in the work force.

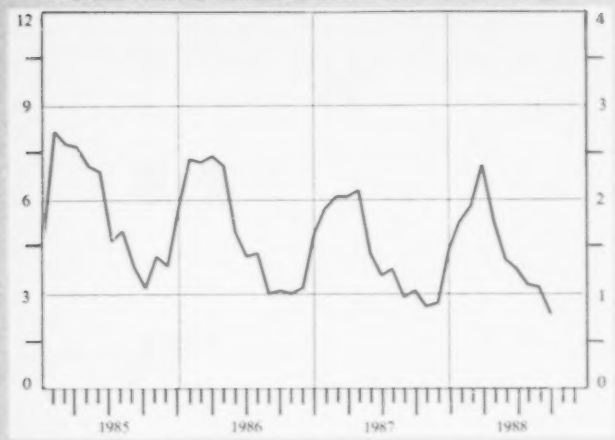
For each of the 225 occupations, the *Handbook* provides information on the nature of the work; working conditions; how many jobs there are and where they are concentrated; the personal qualifications needed; training and education required; the job outlook; earnings; and sources for additional information. Summary data for a number of occupations not included among the 225 are given in an appendix. As in past editions, an introductory chapter provides an overview of the factors underlying future job prospects. Another chapter provides information on additional sources of career-related materials.

This publication may be ordered from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Publication Sales Center, P.O. Box 2145, Chicago, IL 60690. The publication is titled *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 1988-89 Edition*, Bulletin 2300. Paper cover (GPO Stock No. 029-001-02942-0) $22; cloth cover (GPO Stock No. 029-001-02941-1) $24. Checks should be made payable to the Superintendent of Documents.

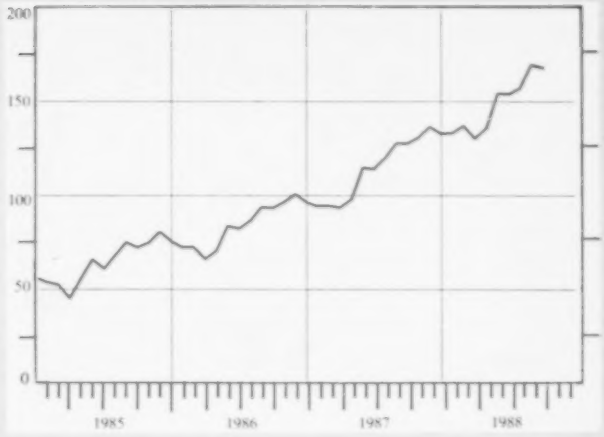
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments
In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	535.7	538.4	515.6	130.1	129.9	127.6	40.9	40.4	39.5
Total Manufacturing	108.5	110.7	104.8	16.7	16.9	16.3	10.3	10.5	10.4
Durable Goods	52.2	52.0	48.4	8.2	8.5	7.8	2.9	2.9	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products	13.7	13.8	14.3	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.6	3.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.9	4.9	4.4	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	12.1	12.1	10.4	3.5	3.5	3.2	0.8	0.8	0.7
Transportation Equipment 2/	13.0	12.6	10.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.9	5.0	4.9	1.2	1.5	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.5
Nondurable Goods	56.3	58.7	56.4	8.5	8.4	8.5	7.4	7.6	7.6
Food and Kindred Products	7.6	8.8	7.8	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.9	1.0	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.1	6.3	6.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.1	1.2	1.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.2	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.1	17.6	16.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.4	5.4	1.7	1.6	1.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.6	3.8	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.7	1.9	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	12.0	12.3	12.1	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.4	2.3	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.1	10.4	10.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.9
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	*	*	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	427.2	427.7	410.8	113.4	113.0	111.3	30.6	29.9	29.1
Construction and Mining	37.1	38.4	33.1	9.7	10.1	10.0	2.5	2.6	2.4
Building Construction	13.0	13.8	12.6	2.8	3.0	2.7	0.7	0.7	0.5
Special Trades Contractor	16.9	17.2	14.8	5.2	5.3	4.8	1.7	1.7	1.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.9	21.7	21.0	5.8	5.9	6.1	1.5	1.5	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.0	25.4	24.3	10.2	10.2	9.7	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	108.5	112.0	105.4	28.5	28.6	28.0	7.9	8.0	7.7
Food Stores	19.6	20.5	19.5	4.7	4.7	4.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	36.4	39.4	33.6	8.7	9.2	8.3	2.4	2.5	2.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.4	25.6	25.2	12.8	13.0	12.6	2.5	2.4	2.2
Banking	9.0	9.3	8.5	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.0	9.9	10.4	6.2	6.2	5.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Services	117.7	124.4	112.0	30.7	31.2	30.2	10.2	10.0	9.7
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11.7	15.7	10.5	2.4	2.8	1.7	0.3	0.6	0.3
Business Services	12.1	12.4	11.8	5.3	5.4	4.8	1.0	1.0	0.9
Health Services	43.0	42.7	40.5	10.4	10.3	9.9	4.3	4.2	4.0
Federal Government	18.6	18.5	18.7	2.0	2.1	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	73.0	61.7	71.1	13.7	11.9	12.8	3.6	3.0	3.4
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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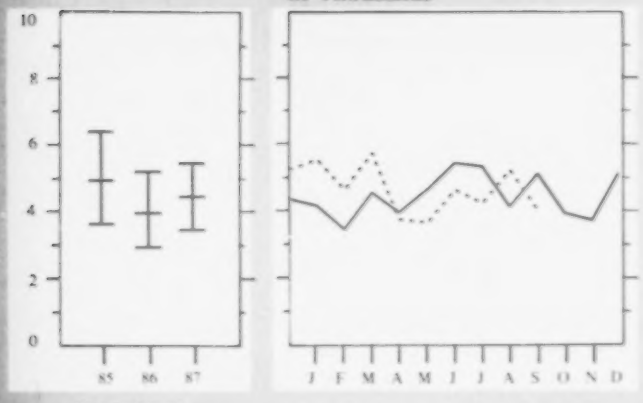
New Applications For Work

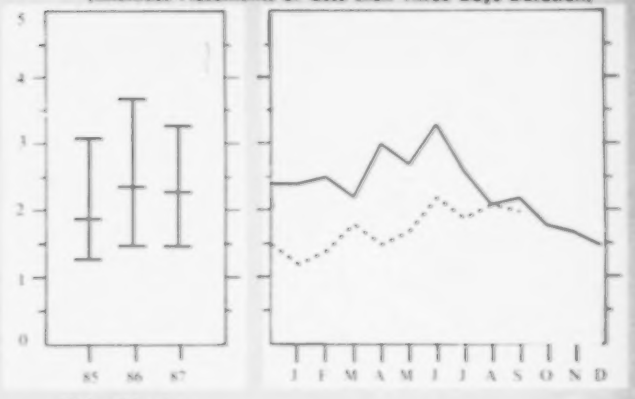
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$373.73	$357.90	$367.69	40.8	39.9	41.5	$9.16	$8.97	$8.86	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	353.68	339.16	356.58	40.7	39.3	42.5	8.69	8.63	8.39	8.32	8.32	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	371.46	352.22	331.27	41.0	40.3	42.2	9.06	8.74	7.85	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	397.78	390.10	388.29	46.2	43.2	43.0	8.61	9.03	9.03	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	451.83	421.15	417.70	52.6	49.2	45.7	8.59	8.56	9.14	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	313.77	310.63	326.01	35.9	35.5	40.1	8.74	8.75	8.13	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	332.24	318.06	378.45	39.6	38.0	43.5	8.39	8.37	8.70	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	394.01	374.51	378.10	41.0	40.4	40.7	9.61	9.27	9.29	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	290.88	287.91	259.20	40.4	43.1	36.1	7.20	6.68	7.18	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	318.11	312.44	308.80	41.1	39.7	40.9	7.74	7.87	7.55	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	266.39	244.48	216.22	39.7	38.5	36.4	6.71	6.34	5.94	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	638.37	607.20	628.83	45.5	44.0	45.8	14.03	13.80	13.73	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	250.42	240.78	239.53	38.0	37.1	37.9	6.59	6.49	6.32	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	322.13	315.62	336.61	37.5	36.7	41.0	8.59	8.60	8.21	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	399.11	385.70	378.56	42.1	40.6	41.6	9.48	9.50	9.10	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	321.79	308.84	296.81	39.1	37.3	38.9	8.23	8.28	7.63	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	270.2	271.4	266.3
Unemployed	7.0	8.9	10.6
(Percent)	2.6%	3.3%	4.0%
Resident Employed	263.2	262.5	255.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	119.8	119.0	115.0	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.7
Percent Change from Last December	+3.8
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.2

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	604.6	619.2	606.6	591.6	603.1	587.3	13.0	16.1	19.3	2.2	2.6	3.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	42,700	42,600	43,000	41,800	41,500	41,800	900	1,100	1,200	2.1	2.6	2.8
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,300	41,100	41,100	40,200	39,860	39,500	1,100	1,300	1,600	2.7	3.2	3.9
Portland MSA	128,300	129,600	128,200	126,700	127,800	125,900	1,600	1,800	2,300	1.2	1.4	1.8
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	138,900	135,800	n/a	136,500	133,100	n/a	2,400	2,700	n/a	1.7	2.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,410	34,990	34,030	33,790	34,170	32,660	620	820	1,370	1.8	2.3	4.0
Bath-Brunswick	29,690	29,680	28,120	29,270	29,130	27,200	420	550	920	1.4	1.9	3.3
Belfast	11,800	12,090	12,260	11,230	11,310	11,810	570	780	450	4.8	6.5	3.7
Biddeford	25,740	27,320	27,490	25,300	26,870	26,880	440	450	610	1.7	1.6	2.2
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	16,280	16,150	15,930	16,080	17,930	15,610	200	220	320	1.2	1.2	2.0
Calais-Eastport	15,020	16,780	14,980	14,240	15,740	14,160	780	1,040	820	5.2	6.2	5.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	23,140	21,890	23,160	22,200	20,600	21,540	940	1,290	1,620	4.1	5.9	7.0
Central Penobscot	2,760	2,700	2,590	2,700	2,630	2,490	60	70	100	2.2	2.6	3.9
Dover-Foxcroft	6,700	6,730	6,820	6,520	6,510	6,540	180	220	280	2.7	3.3	4.1
Ellsworth	25,300	28,480	25,170	24,870	27,950	24,550	430	530	620	1.7	1.9	2.5
Farmington	12,490	12,390	12,300	12,160	11,910	11,720	330	480	580	2.6	3.9	4.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,840	5,150	6,050	5,680	4,990	5,750	160	160	300	2.7	3.1	5.0
Greenville	1,530	1,560	1,520	1,490	1,540	1,480	40	20	40	2.6	1.3	2.6
Houlton	6,400	6,510	6,750	6,270	6,140	6,490	130	370	260	2.0	5.7	3.9
Kittery-York 3/	30,860	31,100	30,230	30,670	30,900	29,960	190	200	270	0.6	0.6	0.9
Lincoln-Howland	5,620	5,700	5,700	5,400	5,410	5,460	220	290	240	3.9	5.1	4.2
Livermore Falls	4,380	3,990	4,800	4,230	3,780	4,550	150	210	250	3.4	5.3	5.2
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,230	4,130	4,280	4,030	3,920	4,000	200	210	280	4.7	5.1	6.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,850	3,870	4,140	3,700	3,710	3,940	150	160	200	3.9	4.1	4.8
Norway-Paris	12,520	13,350	12,280	12,190	13,010	11,890	330	340	390	2.6	2.5	3.2
Patten-Island Falls	2,550	2,470	2,610	2,510	2,370	2,490	40	100	120	1.6	4.0	4.6
Rockland	19,480	19,720	18,920	19,150	19,410	18,540	330	310	380	1.7	1.6	2.0
Rumford	8,250	8,230	8,510	7,910	7,860	8,070	340	370	440	4.1	4.5	5.2
Sanford	14,660	17,320	15,840	14,330	16,890	15,360	330	430	480	2.3	2.5	3.0
Sebago Lakes Region	12,530	14,330	12,530	12,340	14,090	12,130	190	240	400	1.5	1.7	3.2
Skowhegan	22,700	23,140	22,750	21,910	22,140	21,680	790	1,000	1,070	3.5	4.3	4.7
Southwest Penobscot	10,210	10,400	10,400	9,870	9,990	9,850	340	410	550	3.3	3.9	5.3
Waterville	23,490	23,830	24,060	22,960	23,210	23,300	530	620	760	2.3	2.6	3.2
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,782.4	1,748.9	n/a	1,727.9	1,698.5	n/a	54.5	50.4	n/a	3.1	2.9
Massachusetts	3,130.0	3,186.0	3,065.2	3,036.0	3,088.0	2,980.6	94.0	98.0	84.5	3.0	3.1	2.8
New Hampshire	n/a	618.3	602.0	n/a	604.4	587.7	n/a	13.9	14.3	n/a	2.2	2.4
Rhode Island	523.8	523.4	523.1	511.0	509.0	505.9	12.8	14.4	17.2	2.4	2.8	3.3
Vermont	300.0	303.1	297.8	294.4	297.8	290.0	5.6	5.3	7.8	1.9	1.7	2.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	7,032.4	6,843.5	n/a	6,830.2	6,650.0	n/a	202.2	193.5	n/a	2.9	2.8
UNITED STATES 4/	121,842	123,396	119,884	115,474	116,737	113,027	6,368	6,659	6,857	5.2	5.4	5.7

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary, year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household units, state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	3,550	4,934	4,278	438	565	494	336	490	457
Insured Unemployment Rate *	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.3	1.3

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Maine Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

In Thousands

ITEM	1988 3rd Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	Net Change to Current Quarter From Previous Quarter	Net Change to Current Quarter From Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	534.7	522.8	512.3	+11.9	+22.4
Total Manufacturing	107.5	106.4	103.2	+ 1.1	+ 4.3
Durable Goods	51.7	49.6	47.7	+ 2.1	+ 4.0
Lumber and Wood Products	13.6	12.1	14.3	+ 1.5	- 0.7
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.5	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.9	4.7	4.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.9	11.8	10.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Transportation Equipment	12.8	12.5	10.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Other Durable Goods	4.9	5.0	4.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	55.8	56.8	55.5	- 1.0	+ 0.3
Food and Kindred Products	8.0	7.3	8.2	+ 0.7	- 0.2
Textile Mill Products	5.7	6.7	6.0	- 1.0	- 0.3
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.4	17.3	16.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.5	5.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.7	3.8	3.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Leather and Leather Products	11.3	11.9	11.8	- 0.6	- 0.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.5	10.0	9.8	- 0.5	- 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.2	1.3	+ 0.1	0.0
Total Nonmanufacturing	427.2	416.4	409.1	+10.8	+18.1
Construction and Mining	37.8	34.3	34.1	+ 3.5	+ 3.7
Building Construction	13.5	12.3	12.9	+ 1.2	+ 0.6
Special Trades Contractor	17.0	15.9	15.2	+ 1.1	+ 1.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.8	21.0	20.9	+ 0.8	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade	25.2	24.9	24.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Retail Trade	110.7	106.4	106.2	+ 4.3	+ 4.5
Food Stores	20.2	20.0	19.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Eating and Drinking Places	38.4	34.8	35.2	+ 3.6	+ 3.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.5	25.4	25.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	9.2	9.1	8.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	9.9	10.0	10.4	- 0.1	- 0.5
Services	121.9	113.2	115.3	+ 8.7	+ 6.6
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	14.1	8.8	13.0	+ 5.3	+ 1.1
Business Services	12.3	12.0	12.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Health Services	42.9	42.5	40.2	+ 0.4	+ 2.7
Federal Government	18.6	18.5	18.6	+ 0.1	0.0
State and Local Government	65.7	72.7	64.1	- 7.0	+ 1.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.2	1.6	1.2	- 0.4	0.0

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Governor McKernan cites regional opportunities and challenges

Building regional strength to address regional issues was the subject of Governor John R. McKernan's remarks on the third and final day of the Fifth Annual New England Training and Employment Institute held at the Black Point Inn in Scarborough recently. "We are experiencing as a region some tremendous opportunities and some daunting challenges," said McKernan. "If we work on a regional level to meet some of those challenges, we will have greater success than if we act alone," he said.

As the Governor speaks: foreground, l. to r., Mary Lou Dyer, Exec. Dir., Bureau of Employment Security, Denis Fortier and Susan Brown of MOICC

Gov. McKernan speaking at the Black Point Inn

The Governor discussed some of the major challenges facing New England as a region. Citing demographics and a changing economy and the demands they will place on both employers and the workforce, the Governor said, "As our economy continues to shift from a manufacturing to a service base, our old jobs will be replaced by new and different ones, and those jobs will require more skills and higher levels of education." He added, "The year 2000 happens to have arrived 12 years early in New England."

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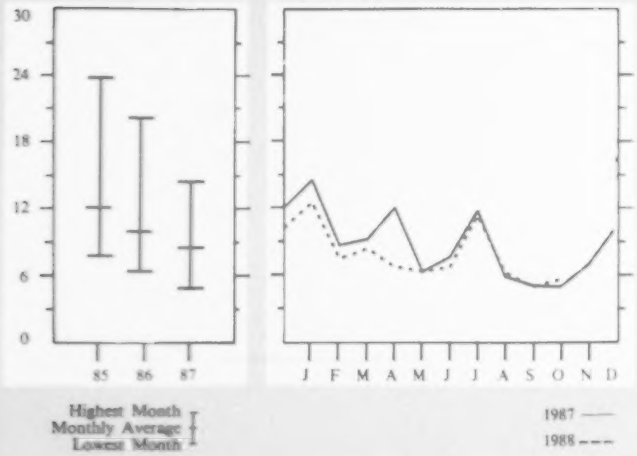
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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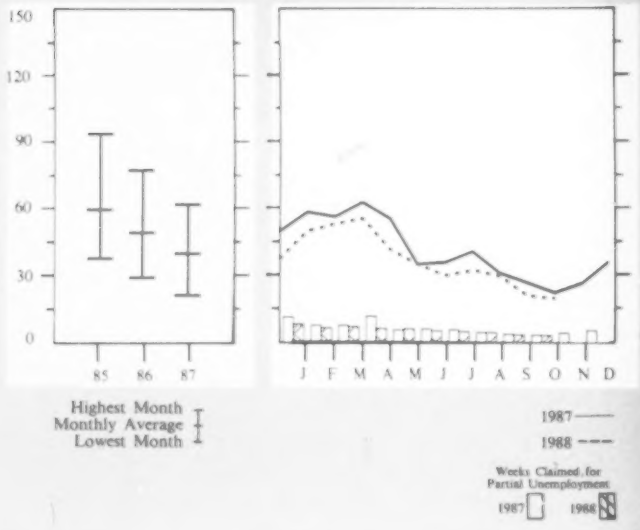

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The Governor lauded the region for being ahead of the rest of the nation in its commitment to job training and education. "All over New England, the public and private sectors are developing strong and effective responses to the challenges our workers face," he said, listing Connecticut's Job Connections, Rhode Island's Workforce 2000, Massachusetts' Futures Program, and Maine's Health Occupations Training Project as a few examples of innovative new programs that are "giving our people new skills and new dreams."

Governor McKernan also urged participants to take advantage of their congressional delegates. "If we want Congress to take our needs seriously, we need to take advantage of New England's powerful delegation," said the Governor, citing Bill Cohen, George Mitchell, Ted Kennedy, John Chafee, Warren Rudman, Patrick Leahy, and Olympia Snowe as national leaders who can give New England a strong voice in Washington and help the states address some of the challenges New England is facing.

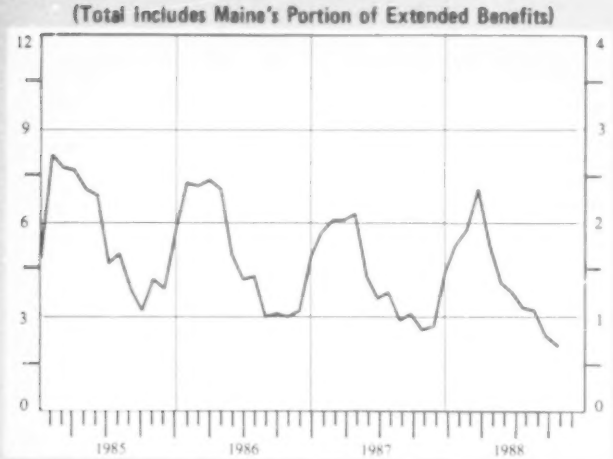
The conference, which was held October 12-14, brought some national leaders to Maine, including Albert Shanker, President of the American Federation of Teachers; Pat Choate, Director of Policy Analysis at TRW; Marion Pines, Senior Fellow at John Hopkins University; and John Elkins, President of the Naisbitt Group. The conference was cosponsored by the Cumberland County Training Resource Center, Region 1 of the National Alliance of Business, the Maine Department of Labor, and Region 1 of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	533.0	535.7	514.5	130.8	130.1	127.5	41.6	40.9	40.1
Total Manufacturing	109.2	108.5	105.2	16.9	16.7	16.3	10.3	10.3	10.5
Durable Goods	52.8	52.2	49.1	8.4	8.2	7.8	2.9	2.9	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products	13.8	13.7	14.3	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.6	3.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.9	4.9	4.5	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	12.1	12.1	10.7	3.6	3.5	3.3	0.8	0.8	0.7
Transportation Equipment 2/	13.4	13.0	11.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3	5.0	4.9	5.0	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.5
Nondurable Goods	56.4	56.3	56.1	8.5	8.5	8.5	7.4	7.4	7.7
Food and Kindred Products	7.5	7.6	7.6	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.8	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.2	6.1	6.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.1	1.1	1.3
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.2	17.1	16.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.5	5.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.7	3.6	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.8	1.7	1.7
Leather and Leather Products	11.9	12.0	12.0	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.3	2.4	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.0	10.1	10.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.9
Other Nondurable Goods 4	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.0	3.0	2.8	0.1	0.0	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	423.8	427.2	409.3	113.8	113.4	111.2	31.3	30.6	29.6
Construction and Mining	37.2	37.1	33.1	9.8	9.7	10.0	2.4	2.5	2.4
Building Construction	13.0	13.0	12.6	2.9	2.8	2.9	0.6	0.7	0.6
Special Trades Contractor	17.0	16.9	14.8	5.1	5.2	4.8	1.6	1.7	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.7	21.9	20.7	5.6	5.8	6.0	1.4	1.5	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.3	25.0	24.3	10.2	10.2	9.7	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	105.9	108.5	103.2	28.8	28.5	27.5	8.5	7.9	7.7
Food Stores	19.5	19.6	19.1	4.6	4.7	4.0	1.4	1.4	1.3
Eating and Drinking Places	33.1	36.4	30.7	8.2	8.7	7.8	2.5	2.4	2.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.5	25.4	25.1	12.7	12.8	12.7	2.4	2.5	2.2
Banking	9.1	9.0	8.6	3.3	3.2	2.8	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.0	10.0	10.3	6.2	6.2	5.5	0.7	0.7	0.6
Services	114.3	117.7	110.5	30.5	30.7	29.3	10.4	10.2	10.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9.4	11.7	8.4	1.9	2.4	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
Business Services	12.2	12.1	11.9	5.3	5.3	5.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Health Services	42.3	43.0	41.0	10.4	10.4	10.0	4.2	4.3	4.1
Federal Government	18.6	18.6	18.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	75.3	73.0	73.8	14.3	13.7	14.1	3.8	3.6	3.5
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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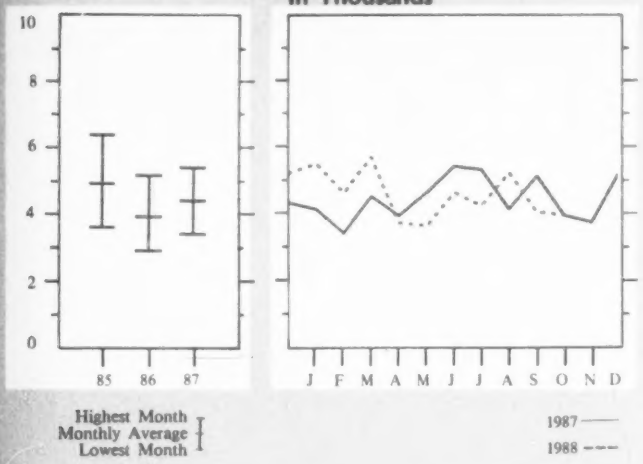
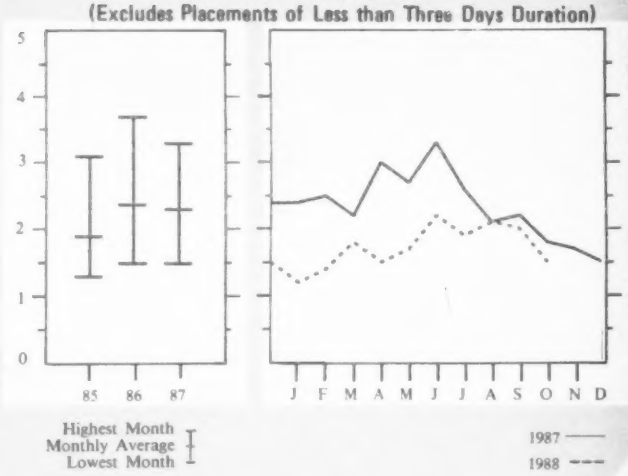


Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$370.36	$373.73	$369.64	40.3	40.8	42.1	$9.19	$9.16	$8.78	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	350.95	353.68	359.02	40.2	40.7	43.1	8.73	8.69	8.33	8.32	8.52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	363.60	371.46	344.80	40.4	41.0	43.1	9.00	9.06	8.00	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	402.45	397.78	378.71	46.1	46.2	42.6	8.73	8.61	8.89	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	442.04	451.83	432.91	51.7	52.6	46.6	8.55	8.59	9.29	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	307.82	313.77	322.80	35.3	35.9	40.4	8.72	8.74	7.99	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	336.80	332.24	374.82	39.3	39.6	44.2	8.57	8.39	8.48	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	389.46	394.01	379.96	40.4	41.0	41.3	9.64	9.61	9.20	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	284.53	290.88	278.32	39.3	40.4	39.2	7.24	7.20	7.10	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	323.95	318.11	305.04	41.8	41.1	41.0	7.75	7.74	7.44	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	263.34	266.39	230.62	38.0	39.7	38.5	6.93	6.71	5.99	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	626.40	638.37	631.90	45.0	45.5	46.6	13.92	14.03	13.56	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	254.98	250.42	240.67	38.0	38.0	37.9	6.71	6.59	6.35	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	314.28	322.13	325.48	36.0	37.5	39.5	8.73	8.59	8.24	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	395.12	399.11	385.56	41.9	42.1	42.0	9.43	9.48	9.18	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	326.27	321.79	296.46	39.5	39.1	39.9	8.26	8.23	7.43	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	268.6	270.2	265.1
Unemployed	7.5	7.0	9.1
(Percent)	2.8%	2.6%	3.4%
Resident Employed	261.1	263.2	256.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	120.2	119.8	115.3	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+4.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	603.0	604.6	601.5	588.9	591.6	583.6	14.1	13.0	17.9	2.3	2.2	3.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	43,600	42,500	44,200	42,600	41,600	42,900	1,000	900	1,300	2.3	2.1	2.9
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,200	41,200	41,900	40,900	40,100	40,400	1,300	1,100	1,500	3.1	2.7	3.6
Portland MSA	128,700	127,800	129,100	127,000	126,200	126,700	1,700	1,600	2,400	1.3	1.3	1.9
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	137,500	133,700	n/a	135,400	131,600	n/a	2,100	2,100	n/a	1.5	1.6
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,270	34,270	33,830	33,580	33,650	32,810	690	620	1,020	2.0	1.8	3.0
Bath-Brunswick	29,750	29,580	28,510	29,350	29,160	27,710	400	420	800	1.3	1.4	2.8
Belfast	11,620	11,760	12,080	11,070	11,190	11,590	550	570	490	4.7	4.8	4.1
Biddeford	27,730	25,640	27,130	27,230	25,200	26,380	500	440	750	1.8	1.7	2.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	15,540	16,220	14,940	15,290	16,020	14,680	250	200	260	1.6	1.2	1.7
Calais-Eastport	14,180	14,970	14,080	13,350	14,190	13,120	830	780	960	5.9	5.2	6.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,710	23,060	21,710	20,730	22,120	20,400	980	940	1,310	4.5	4.1	6.0
Central Penobscot	2,910	2,750	2,730	2,820	2,690	2,650	90	60	80	3.1	2.2	2.9
Dover-Foxcroft	6,680	6,670	6,820	6,510	6,490	6,570	170	180	250	2.5	2.7	3.7
Ellsworth	23,820	25,200	24,050	23,350	24,770	23,480	470	430	570	2.0	1.7	2.4
Farmington	12,550	12,440	12,400	12,180	12,110	11,850	370	330	550	2.9	2.7	4.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,430	5,820	5,590	5,230	5,660	5,360	200	160	230	3.7	2.7	4.1
Greenville	1,490	1,520	1,470	1,460	1,480	1,420	30	40	50	2.0	2.6	3.4
Houlton	5,940	6,370	6,160	5,800	6,240	5,970	140	130	190	2.4	2.0	3.1
Kittery-York 3/	30,780	30,740	29,940	30,560	30,550	29,710	220	190	230	0.7	0.6	0.8
Lincoln-Howland	5,490	5,600	5,430	5,280	5,380	5,250	210	220	180	3.8	3.9	3.3
Livermore Falls	4,310	4,360	4,680	4,180	4,210	4,420	130	150	260	3.0	3.4	5.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,960	4,200	3,970	3,730	4,010	3,600	230	190	370	5.8	4.5	9.3
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,790	3,840	4,170	3,640	3,690	3,920	150	150	250	4.0	3.9	6.0
Norway-Paris	12,170	12,470	12,430	11,930	12,140	12,050	240	330	380	2.0	2.6	3.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,390	2,540	2,370	2,290	2,500	2,240	100	40	130	4.2	1.6	5.5
Rockland	18,900	19,400	18,750	18,610	19,070	18,360	290	330	390	1.5	1.7	2.1
Rumford	8,280	8,210	8,460	7,890	7,870	8,130	390	340	330	4.7	4.1	3.9
Sanford	16,920	16,930	16,080	16,420	16,580	15,690	500	350	390	3.0	2.1	2.4
Sebago Lakes Region	11,790	12,480	11,950	11,580	12,290	11,700	210	190	250	1.8	1.5	2.1
Skowhegan	22,300	22,620	22,420	21,520	21,830	21,480	780	790	940	3.5	3.5	4.2
Southwest Penobscot	10,370	10,170	10,510	10,010	9,830	9,970	360	340	540	3.5	3.3	5.1
Waterville	23,570	23,410	23,820	22,860	22,880	23,190	710	530	630	3.0	2.3	2.6
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,788.4	1,767.5	n/a	1,737.3	1,717.1	n/a	51.1	50.4	n/a	2.9	2.9
Massachusetts	3,149.0	3,130.0	3,109.3	3,060.0	3,036.0	3,025.4	89.0	94.0	83.9	2.8	3.0	2.7
New Hampshire	n/a	607.1	601.8	n/a	592.5	589.2	n/a	14.6	12.6	n/a	2.4	2.1
Rhode Island	527.9	523.8	526.3	514.5	511.0	510.3	13.4	12.8	16.0	2.5	2.4	3.0
Vermont	305.1	300.0	304.6	298.0	294.4	294.6	7.1	5.6	10.0	2.3	1.9	3.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,953.9	6,911.0	n/a	6,762.8	6,720.2	n/a	191.1	190.8	n/a	2.7	2.8
UNITED STATES 4/	122,432	121,842	120,744	116,250	115,474	113,898	6,182	6,368	6,845	5.0	5.2	5.7

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	3,839	3,550	3,854	449	438	437	366	336	388
Insured Unemployment Rate *	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.9	1.1

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	13.3	14.3	10.6
Clerical and Sales	18.4	18.2	18.3
Service	10.3	8.4	8.9
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.4	1.3	1.3
Processing	6.9	7.5	8.0
Machine Trades	10.7	10.5	12.1
Benchwork	11.2	11.5	13.0
Structural Work	15.4	16.3	15.9
Miscellaneous	12.4	12.0	11.9

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	55.7	55.2	53.0
Under 22	3.9	3.8	4.0
22-24	6.5	6.7	7.3
25-34	32.0	31.1	28.8
35-39	13.3	13.6	12.9
Total 40 and Over	44.3	44.8	47.0
40-44	11.8	11.5	12.2
45-54	15.5	15.8	18.3
55-64	12.6	13.6	13.1
65 and Over	4.4	3.9	3.4

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Piece Rate or Salary for Woods Workers?

The traditional method of payment of wages to timber harvesting workers in Maine is by piece rate. Depending on the method of measurement, a cutting crew's paycheck depends on the number of trees, cords, or thousand board feet that they produce. Wages depend on production, and this system is incentive driven under the premise that worker motivation for more money will result in an increased amount of timber harvested.

There are, however, certain problems inherent in a piece rate payment system. The issue of "cutting chance" is probably most notable. Who works in the area with the best wood? A "hurry-up" production system can give rise to other problems such as safety, proper timber utilization, care of equipment, and care of the land resource.

In April 1988, Scott Paper Company broke the tradition of piece rate payment for their wood harvesting workers. They established what is termed a protected 40-hour salary system. They simplified by combining about 40 wage rates to five wage levels. The goal of the change, according to Scott's Operations Manager - North, Jim Pinkerton, was to refocus the motivation of their timber harvesting workers and thereby improve overall efficiency in the woods.

Overall efficiency is expected to improve by instilling a team concept rather than an atmosphere of competition for the best cutting chance. For example, workers bringing the wood roadside will take the time to properly prepare the wood for the next step of the harvesting operation, whether the next step is delimbing or trucking. If workers bringing the wood roadside are not focusing solely on production but on the quality of their work and how the next operation can best be accommodated, then the potential for improved efficiency is created.

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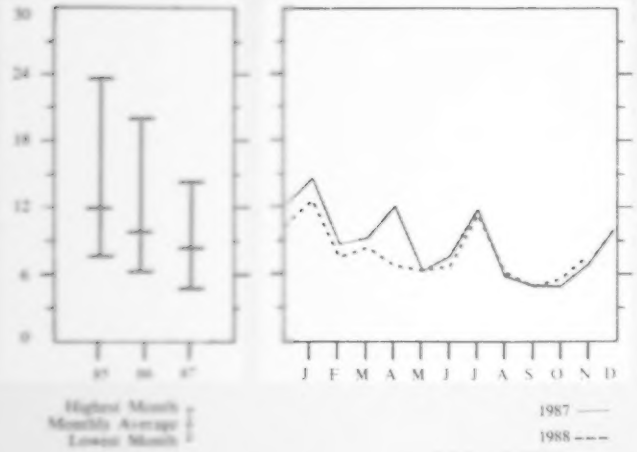

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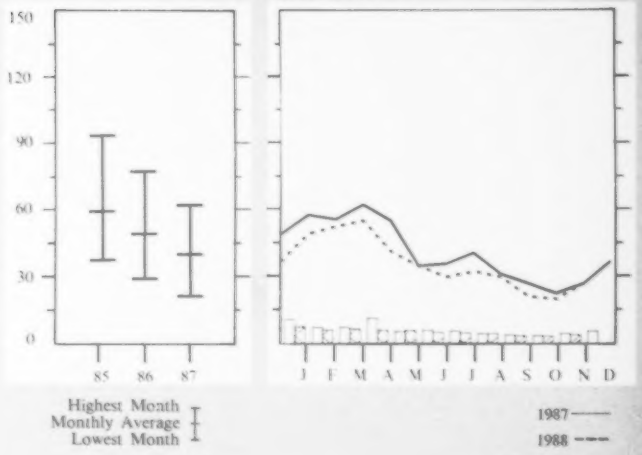

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This refocusing from a hurry-up production system leaves workers time to pay more attention to the land resource and otherwise unwise or unsafe timber-harvesting practices. The change also allows workers to focus on improving the harvesting system. Further, it allows people to take pride in their work and the quality of the products they put roadside. Worker compatibility is improved by ending the continuous concern about the equability of the assigning of good cutting chances and and the impact the cutting chance has on the worker's wages.

Scott personnel feel that there was a temporary drop in productivity from which they are now recovering to pre-change levels or better. At the same time utilization is better and management time once spent on urging better utilization and solving piece rate wage issues is now spent on more productive tasks. Workers take time to work up smaller wood that would be passed over in a piece rate operation, and utilization improved because of the increased recovery of sawlogs.

Workers driven to make dollars by increased production have been known to misuse their machinery, another expensive consequence of the piece rate system. Workers are also willing to train in new techniques and on new machinery since the loss in production during the training period does not affect their paychecks.

Scott Paper Company's salary payment system for timber harvesting workers breaks a strong tradition in the Maine woods of tying wages to production. The change creates an environment for teamwork with the potential for better utilization, better use of the land resource, better care of equipment, higher quality products for customers, and improved safety. Monitoring of the Scott experience with salary payment has important implications for the future of timber harvesting in Maine.

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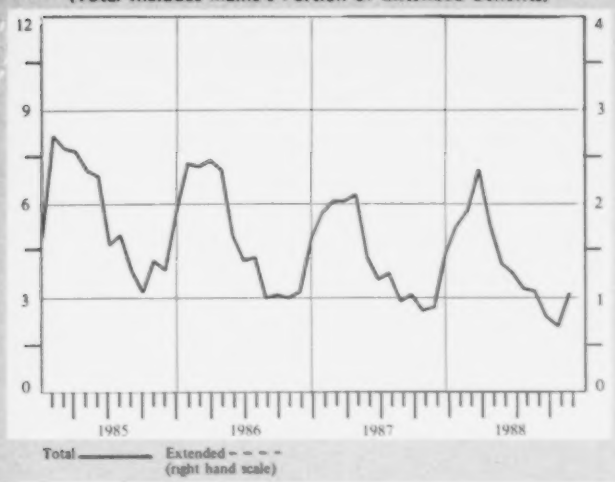
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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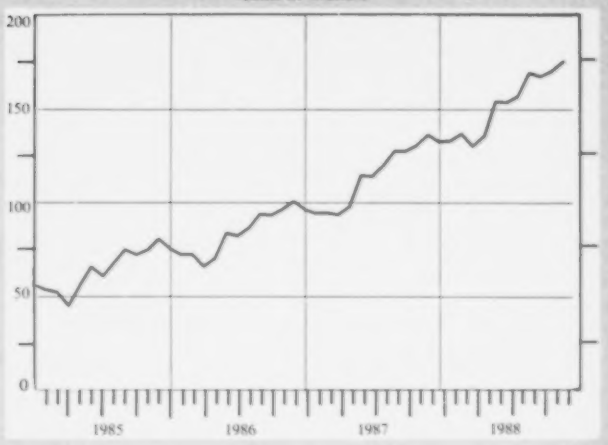
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	533.8	533.1	515.1	131.6	130.8	127.0	41.5	41.6	40.0
Total Manufacturing	109.8	109.3	105.2	17.2	16.9	16.2	10.1	10.3	10.5
Durable Goods	53.4	52.9	49.4	8.6	8.4	7.8	2.9	2.9	2.9
Lumber and Wood Products	13.5	13.8	13.9	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.7	3.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.9	4.9	4.5	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	12.1	12.1	10.9	3.6	3.6	3.3	0.8	0.8	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2/	13.7	13.3	11.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	5.5	5.1	5.3	1.6	1.3	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.5
Nondurable Goods	56.4	56.4	55.8	8.6	8.5	8.4	7.2	7.4	7.6
Food and Kindred Products	7.5	7.5	7.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.2	6.2	6.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.1	1.1	1.3
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.4	17.2	16.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.5	5.3	1.7	1.7	1.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.6	3.7	3.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.8	1.8	1.7
Leather and Leather Products	11.9	11.9	11.9	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.2	2.3	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.0	10.0	10.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.8
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.2	1.3	1.2	3.2	3.0	2.9	*	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	424.0	423.8	409.9	114.4	113.9	110.8	31.4	31.3	29.5
Construction and Mining	36.2	37.0	32.7	9.4	9.8	9.8	2.4	2.4	2.3
Building Construction	12.6	12.8	12.6	2.8	2.9	2.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Special Trades Contractor	16.8	17.0	14.7	5.0	5.1	4.6	1.6	1.6	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.5	21.7	20.6	5.5	5.6	6.0	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.3	25.3	24.5	10.2	10.2	9.7	2.1	2.1	2.1
Retail Trade	106.4	105.9	104.3	29.7	28.8	27.5	8.6	8.5	7.7
Food Stores	19.7	19.5	19.0	4.7	4.6	4.1	1.4	1.4	1.3
Eating and Drinking Places	31.4	33.1	29.6	8.1	8.2	7.7	2.4	2.5	2.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.4	25.6	24.9	12.6	12.7	12.6	2.3	2.4	2.2
Banking	9.2	9.1	8.6	3.2	3.3	2.8	0.8	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.1	10.1	10.2	6.3	6.2	5.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Services	112.5	114.3	109.1	30.3	30.5	29.0	10.5	10.4	10.0
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	7.2	9.4	6.8	1.4	1.9	1.5	0.2	0.3	0.2
Business Services	12.2	12.2	11.7	5.3	5.3	4.9	1.0	1.0	0.9
Health Services	42.7	42.3	41.5	10.4	10.4	10.1	4.3	4.2	4.1
Federal Government	18.9	18.7	18.8	2.1	2.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	77.8	75.3	75.0	14.6	14.3	14.3	3.8	3.8	3.5
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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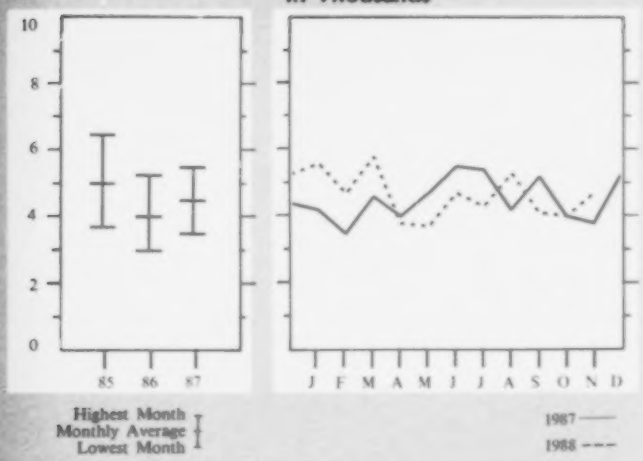
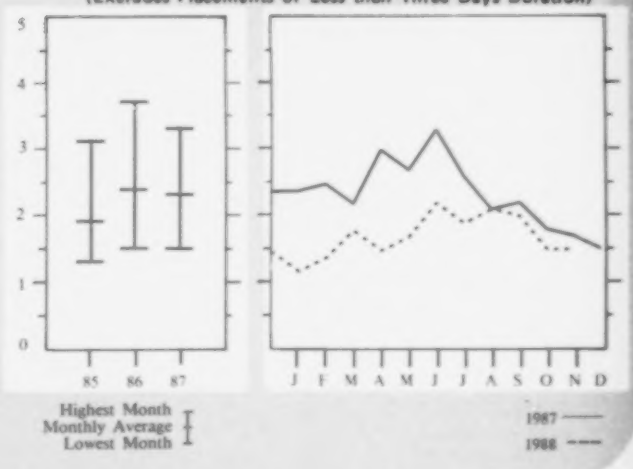


Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$372.93	$370.36	$370.82	40.1	40.3	41.9	$9.30	$9.19	$8.85	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	351.20	350.95	360.72	40.0	40.2	43.2	8.78	8.73	8.35	8.32	8.52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	363.69	363.60	342.77	40.5	40.4	42.9	8.98	9.00	7.99	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	376.98	402.45	401.39	42.5	46.1	45.1	8.87	8.73	8.90	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	437.93	442.04	417.23	51.1	51.7	45.4	8.57	8.55	9.19	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	316.48	307.82	329.21	35.4	35.3	41.1	8.94	8.72	8.01	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	341.02	336.80	377.94	39.7	39.3	44.1	8.59	8.57	8.57	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	393.96	389.46	379.73	40.2	40.4	40.7	9.80	9.64	9.33	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	280.82	284.53	259.78	38.0	39.3	35.2	7.39	7.24	7.38	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	330.01	323.95	296.51	41.2	41.8	39.8	8.01	7.75	7.45	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	270.27	263.34	239.00	39.0	38.0	40.1	6.93	6.93	5.96	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	630.00	626.40	637.49	45.0	45.0	46.6	14.00	13.92	13.68	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	250.36	254.98	236.74	37.2	38.0	37.4	6.73	6.71	6.33	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	325.22	314.28	328.80	36.5	36.0	40.0	8.91	8.73	8.22	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	402.68	401.82	389.23	41.3	41.9	43.2	9.75	9.59	9.01	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	318.45	326.27	300.80	38.6	39.5	40.0	8.25	8.26	7.52	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	271.8	268.6	262.6
Unemployed	9.0	7.5	10.0
(Percent)	3.3%	2.8%	3.8%
Resident Employed	262.8	261.1	252.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	120.3	120.2	115.4	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from Last December	+4.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	605.9	603.0	591.2	588.1	588.9	570.8	17.8	14.1	20.3	2.9	2.3	3.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	44,000	43,600	43,800	43,000	42,600	42,600	1,000	1,000	1,200	2.3	2.3	2.7
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,500	42,200	41,700	41,000	40,900	40,000	1,500	1,300	1,700	3.5	3.1	4.1
Portland MSA	130,800	128,700	127,600	128,600	127,000	125,300	2,200	1,700	2,300	1.7	1.3	1.8
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	137,700	132,600	n/a	135,600	130,300	n/a	2,100	2,300	n/a	1.5	1.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,580	34,270	33,460	33,830	33,580	32,360	750	690	1,100	2.2	2.0	3.3
Bath-Brunswick	29,480	29,750	28,100	29,010	29,350	27,290	470	400	810	1.6	1.3	2.9
Belfast	11,500	11,620	11,370	10,810	11,070	10,810	690	550	560	6.0	4.7	4.9
Biddeford	27,640	27,730	26,100	27,100	27,230	25,500	540	500	600	2.0	1.8	2.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	14,660	15,540	13,760	14,180	15,290	13,250	480	250	510	3.3	1.6	3.7
Calais-Eastport	14,730	14,180	14,370	13,780	13,350	13,360	950	830	1,010	6.4	5.9	7.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,770	21,710	21,410	20,540	20,730	19,820	1,230	980	1,590	5.7	4.5	7.4
Central Penobscot	2,980	2,910	2,780	2,900	2,820	2,660	80	90	120	2.7	3.1	4.3
Dover-Foxcroft	6,920	6,680	6,920	6,660	6,510	6,620	260	170	300	3.8	2.5	4.3
Ellsworth	22,970	23,820	22,380	22,000	23,350	21,080	970	470	1,300	4.2	2.0	5.8
Farmington	12,720	12,550	12,450	12,350	12,180	11,870	370	370	580	2.9	2.9	4.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,350	5,430	5,400	5,100	5,230	5,090	250	200	310	4.7	3.7	5.7
Greenville	1,450	1,490	1,470	1,410	1,460	1,400	40	30	70	2.8	2.0	4.8
Houlton	6,060	5,940	6,180	5,850	5,800	5,820	210	140	360	3.5	2.4	5.8
Kittery-York 3/	30,700	30,780	29,670	30,430	30,560	29,350	270	220	320	0.9	0.7	1.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,450	5,490	5,490	5,140	5,280	5,280	310	210	210	5.7	3.8	3.8
Livermore Falls	4,160	4,310	4,580	4,030	4,180	4,240	130	130	340	3.1	3.0	7.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,810	3,960	3,710	3,540	3,730	3,440	270	230	270	7.1	5.8	7.3
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,850	3,790	4,070	3,680	3,640	3,900	170	150	170	4.4	4.0	4.2
Norway-Paris	12,250	12,170	12,210	11,840	11,930	11,820	410	240	390	3.3	2.0	3.2
Patten-Island Falls	2,460	2,390	2,300	2,320	2,290	2,180	140	100	120	5.7	4.2	5.2
Rockland	19,030	18,900	18,330	18,320	18,610	17,840	710	290	490	3.7	1.5	2.7
Rumford	8,520	8,280	8,340	8,030	7,890	8,020	490	390	320	5.8	4.7	3.8
Sanford	16,950	16,920	15,880	16,490	16,420	15,420	460	500	460	2.7	3.0	2.9
Sebago Lakes Region	11,310	11,790	10,980	11,060	11,580	10,690	250	210	290	2.2	1.8	2.6
Skowhegan	22,620	22,300	22,090	21,610	21,520	20,980	1,010	780	1,110	4.5	3.5	5.0
Southwest Penobscot	10,550	10,370	10,370	10,050	10,010	9,750	500	360	620	4.7	3.5	6.0
Waterville	24,150	23,570	24,010	23,410	22,860	23,180	740	710	830	3.1	3.0	3.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,791.1	1,778.1	n/a	1,737.4	1,726.0	n/a	53.7	52.1	n/a	3.0	2.9
Massachusetts	3,146.0	3,149.0	3,096.6	3,035.0	3,060.0	3,024.4	111.0	89.0	72.2	3.5	2.8	2.3
New Hampshire	n/a	611.2	594.8	n/a	597.1	581.7	n/a	14.1	13.1	n/a	2.3	2.2
Rhode Island	534.4	527.9	526.1	519.8	514.5	509.8	14.6	13.4	16.3	2.7	2.5	3.1
Vermont	304.1	305.1	299.6	295.3	298.0	289.6	8.8	7.1	10.0	2.9	2.3	3.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,987.3	6,886.3	n/a	6,795.9	6,702.3	n/a	191.4	184.0	n/a	2.7	2.7
UNITED STATES 4/	122,639	122,432	120,611	116,314	116,250	113,809	6,325	6,182	6,802	5.2	5.0	5.6

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary, year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household units; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	4,884	3,839	4,800	544	449	490	430	366	429
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.0	1.2

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

MAINE FARM FACTS

Recently released data for Maine from the 1987 *Census of Agriculture* show that:

- In 1987 Maine had 6,269 farms, a 10.5 percent decline from the 1982 total of 7,003.
- Between 1982 and 1987 only farms with 1 to 9 acres increased in number, from 379 to 419, representing a gain of 10.6 percent.
- Of all Maine farms, 2,621 had annual product sales of $10,000 or more, an 8.7 percent decline from the 1982 number of 2,871 farms with sales over $10,000.
- There were 1,342,588 acres of land in farms compared to 1,468,674 acres in farms in 1982.
- Sales of agricultural products totaled 425.9 million dollars in 1987, compared with 399.4 million dollars of sales in 1982.
- Sales averaged $67,932 per farm in 1987 compared with an average of $57,034 in 1982.
- Operators of farms whose principal occupation is farming have shown a decline with each census taken since 1974, accounting for a 22 percent decrease from 1974 to 1987.
- From 1974 to 1987, farm operators who worked more than 200 days off the farm increased 42.7 percent.
- The average age of farm operators increased from 49.8 years in 1982 to 51.7 years in 1987.
- The average value of a Maine farm increased from $150,487 in 1982 to $210,777 in 1987, representing an increase of 40.1 percent.

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Year-End Economic Review

The Maine economy experienced another strong year in 1988. Nonfarm employment continued to record strong growth, with the most significant gains recorded in retail trade, services, construction, transportation equipment, and electronic and other electrical equipment. As a result, Maine's unemployment rate ranks among the lowest in the nation.

Maine's superior economic performance during the past year was felt throughout the State. Regional differences in unemployment diminished as the extremely tight labor markets in southern Maine forced employers to look north for available labor.

Civilian Labor Force

During 1988 employment growth continued to outpace civilian labor force gains in Maine. Between 1987 and 1988 the civilian labor force increased by 2.0 percent, from 587,000 to 598,900. At the same time resident employment increased by 2.7 percent, from 561,000 to 576,000.

While the number of people in the civilian labor force increased by 11,900 between 1987 and 1988, total resident employment grew by 15,000. As a result of employment growing faster than the number of people available to take jobs, unemployment dropped by 3,100 between 1987 and 1988. With 3,100 fewer persons unemployed, Maine's unemployment rate fell from 4.4 percent in 1987 to 3.8 percent in 1988, setting a 35-year record. The last time Maine's rate was 3.8 percent was in 1953. The statewide rate compares favorably with the national rate which declined from 6.2 percent in 1987 to 5.5 percent in 1988. For the eighth straight year Maine's unemployment rate fell below the national average. During 1988 a monthly rate of 2.2 percent was recorded in September, representing the lowest recorded unemployment rate in Maine since August 1956.

Counties

All counties within Maine, with the exception of Waldo and Knox, had unemployment rates lower than their 1987 averages. The tightest labor markets in 1988, as measured by unemployment rates, were in the southern and coastal counties including Cumberland (2.0 percent), York (2.6 percent), Sagadahoc (2.6 percent), and Lincoln (2.9 percent). The highest 1988 unemployment rates were recorded by Washington (8.8 percent) and Waldo (7.8 percent) counties.

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

During the past year nonfarm employment increased by 4.6 percent, or by 23,100 jobs. Growth in nonfarm employment was led by the nonmanufacturing sector, similar to the

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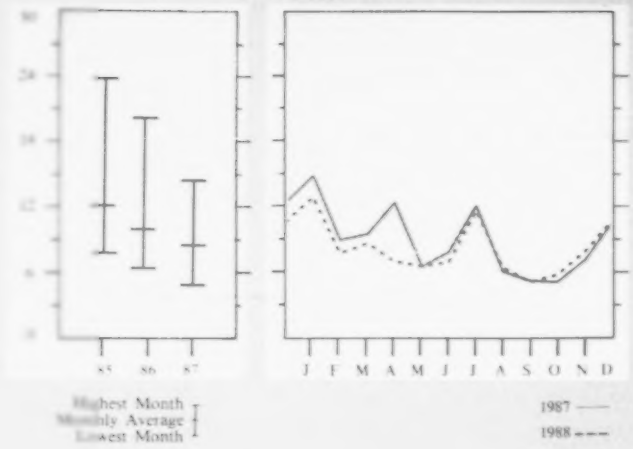

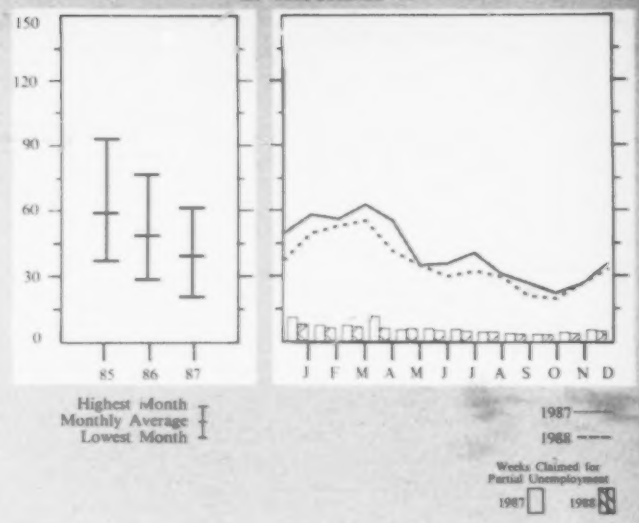

growth registered between 1986 and 1987 when nonmanufacturing employment gains led to a 4.9 percent increase in nonfarm employment.

Nonmanufacturing

Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector increased by 19,300 between 1987 and 1988, with the most substantial gains recorded by the retail trade, services, and construction industries. All other nonmanufacturing industries including government; finance, insurance, and real estate; wholesale trade; and transportation and public utilities also registered employment increases over the year. During 1988 all-time employment highs were reached by several of the nonmanufacturing industries including retail trade; services; construction; wholesale trade; and finance, insurance, and real estate.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment recorded a 3.7 percent increase between 1987 and 1988. Durable goods industries accounted for most of the manufacturing employment growth with an increase of 3,600 jobs. Transportation equipment employment rose by 1,800 jobs, mainly in shipbuilding, while employment in the electronic and other electrical equipment industry rose by 1,500, as several firms have grown significantly over the year. All the other durable goods industries recorded employment growth over the year with the exception of the lumber and wood products and primary metal industries. Within the lumber and wood products industry, employment declines were recorded in the miscellaneous wood products and logging contractors industry groupings. Losses in the miscellaneous wood products industry were due in part to increased competition from the plastics industry and the relocation of plant operations to foreign countries with lower labor costs. Logging contractors recorded some losses due to increased mechanization of harvesting methods.

Total employment in nondurable goods industries remained steady between 1987 and 1988. The only significant change by a nondurable goods industry was a gain of 500 in the paper and allied products industry.

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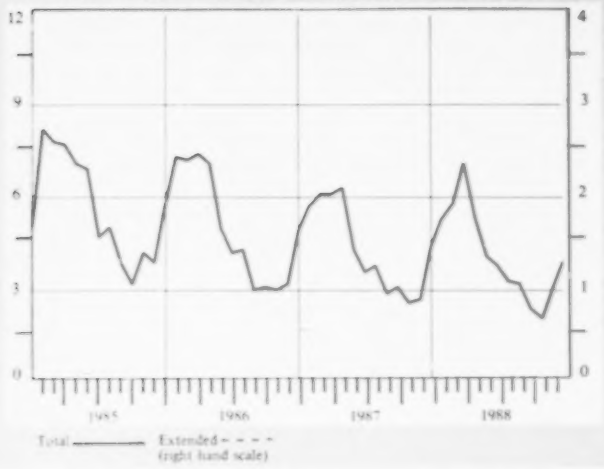
In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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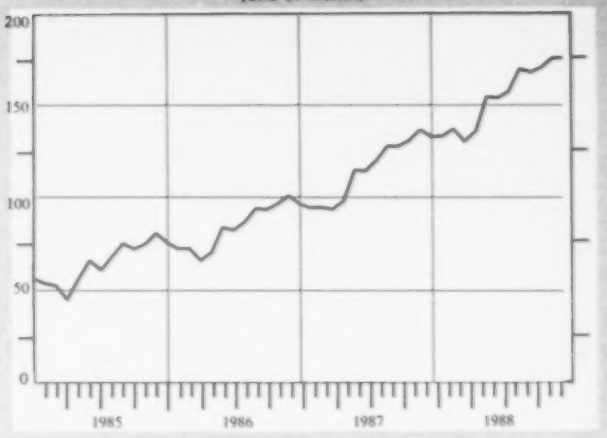

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	532.6	533.8	517.9	132.5	131.6	128.0	41.7	41.5	40.0
Total Manufacturing	109.9	109.8	106.6	17.4	17.2	16.4	10.0	10.1	10.4
Durable Goods	53.6	53.4	50.1	8.7	8.6	7.9	2.9	2.9	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products	13.7	13.5	14.1	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	3.7	3.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.9	4.9	4.5	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.9	12.1	11.3	3.6	3.6	3.3	0.8	0.8	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2/	13.8	13.7	11.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	5.5	5.5	5.2	1.6	1.6	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.5
Nondurable Goods	56.3	56.4	56.5	8.7	8.6	8.5	7.1	7.2	7.6
Food and Kindred Products	7.3	7.5	7.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.9	0.8	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.3	6.2	6.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.1	1.1	1.3
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.4	17.4	17.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.5	5.5	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.7	3.6	3.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.8	1.8	1.7
Leather and Leather Products	11.8	11.9	12.1	1.4	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.9	10.0	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.9	1.8
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.2	1.2	1.1	3.3	3.2	2.8	*	*	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	422.7	424.0	411.3	115.1	114.4	111.6	31.7	31.4	29.6
Construction and Mining	35.0	36.2	31.8	9.2	9.4	9.8	2.3	2.4	2.2
Building Construction	12.1	12.6	12.5	2.8	2.8	2.7	0.6	0.6	0.5
Special Trades Contractor	16.6	16.8	14.2	4.9	5.0	4.9	1.5	1.6	1.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.5	21.5	20.3	5.6	5.5	6.0	1.4	1.4	1.5
Wholesale Trade	25.6	25.3	24.6	10.3	10.2	9.7	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	108.4	106.4	106.7	30.6	29.7	28.1	8.9	8.6	7.8
Food Stores	19.8	19.7	19.0	4.7	4.7	4.2	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	31.8	31.4	29.3	8.1	8.1	7.8	2.5	2.4	2.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.5	25.4	25.1	12.6	12.6	12.6	2.3	2.3	2.2
Banking	9.2	9.2	8.7	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.1	10.1	10.3	6.3	6.3	5.4	0.7	0.7	0.6
Services	111.8	112.5	109.3	30.1	30.3	29.1	10.6	10.5	10.0
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.6	7.2	6.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Business Services	12.2	12.2	11.6	5.3	5.3	4.9	0.9	1.0	0.9
Health Services	42.6	42.7	42.0	10.4	10.4	10.1	4.2	4.3	4.3
Federal Government	19.0	18.9	18.9	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	75.9	77.8	74.6	14.6	14.6	14.4	3.8	3.8	3.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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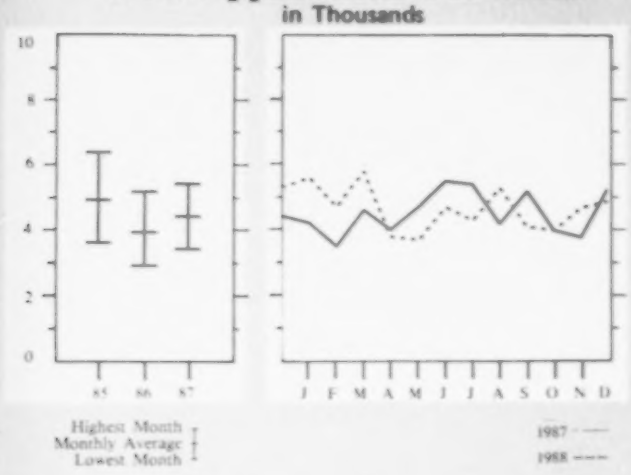
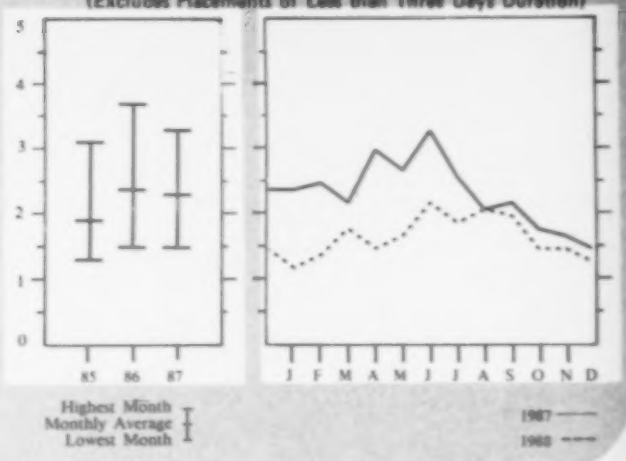


Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1986	1985
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$374.12	$372.93	$370.12	39.8	40.1	41.4	$9.40	$9.30	$8.94	$8.77	$8.65	$8.40
Durable Goods	352.34	351.20	361.24	39.5	40.0	42.7	8.92	8.78	8.46	8.32	8.52	8.46
Lumber and Wood Products	368.74	363.69	338.99	40.7	40.5	40.5	9.06	8.98	8.37	7.82	7.74	8.06
Primary and Fabricated Metals	403.10	376.98	399.25	44.2	42.5	42.7	9.12	8.87	9.35	8.94	8.58	8.25
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	455.81	437.93	477.74	44.6	51.1	53.2	10.22	8.57	8.98	9.20	9.62	9.11
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	311.34	316.48	321.88	35.1	35.4	40.9	8.87	8.94	7.87	8.03	7.94	7.57
Other Durable Goods	332.14	341.02	376.26	39.4	39.7	43.7	8.43	8.59	8.61	8.60	9.41	9.50
Nondurable Goods	395.39	393.96	378.82	40.1	40.2	40.3	9.86	9.80	9.40	9.18	8.76	8.31
Food and Kindred Products	288.56	280.82	276.02	39.1	38.0	37.0	7.38	7.39	7.46	7.16	7.00	6.63
Textile Mill Products	319.97	330.01	293.96	39.6	41.2	39.3	8.08	8.01	7.48	7.35	7.04	6.64
Apparel and Other Textile Products	250.05	270.27	220.54	37.1	39.0	35.4	6.74	6.93	6.23	5.92	5.73	5.83
Paper and Allied Products	633.85	630.00	604.80	44.7	45.0	44.8	14.18	14.00	13.50	13.43	12.70	12.25
Leather and Leather Products	253.05	250.36	250.80	37.6	37.2	38.0	6.73	6.73	6.60	6.34	6.05	5.93
Other Nondurable Goods	325.74	325.22	339.73	37.1	36.5	40.3	8.78	8.91	8.43	8.28	8.00	7.51
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	402.19	398.95	389.62	39.2	39.5	43.1	10.26	10.10	9.04	9.13	9.17	8.90
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	324.14	318.45	315.47	38.0	38.6	41.4	8.53	8.25	7.62	7.40	7.19	6.78

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	267.4	271.8	262.5
Unemployed	9.3	9.0	10.0
(Percent)	3.5%	3.3%	3.8%
Resident Employed	258.1	262.8	252.5

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	120.5	120.3	115.4	115.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2%
Percent Change from Last December	+4.4%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.4%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	594.5	605.9	589.5	573.9	588.1	567.9	20.6	17.8	21.6	3.5	2.9	3.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	44,000	44,000	43,600	42,700	43,000	42,300	1,300	1,000	1,300	3.0	2.3	3.0
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,300	42,500	41,700	40,600	41,000	39,800	1,700	1,500	1,900	4.0	3.5	4.6
Portland MSA	130,000	130,800	128,000	127,700	128,600	125,600	2,300	2,200	2,400	1.8	1.7	1.9
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	136,900	132,600	n/a	134,600	130,500	n/a	2,300	2,100	n/a	1.7	1.6
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	33,680	34,580	33,480	33,130	33,830	32,320	750	750	1,160	2.2	2.2	3.5
Bath-Brunswick	28,610	29,480	27,840	28,110	29,010	27,120	500	470	720	1.7	1.6	2.6
Belfast	11,300	11,500	11,660	10,400	10,810	10,750	900	690	910	8.0	6.0	7.8
Biddeford	27,310	27,640	26,080	26,370	27,100	25,340	940	540	740	3.4	2.0	2.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	13,810	14,660	13,320	13,320	14,180	12,840	490	480	480	3.5	3.3	3.6
Calais-Eastport	14,190	14,730	14,020	13,260	13,780	12,980	930	950	1,040	6.6	6.4	7.4
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,620	21,770	21,470	20,060	20,540	19,750	1,560	1,230	1,720	7.2	5.7	8.0
Central Penobscot	2,870	2,980	2,690	2,760	2,900	2,570	110	80	120	3.8	2.7	4.5
Dover-Foxcroft	6,850	6,920	6,890	6,550	6,660	6,610	300	260	280	4.4	3.8	4.1
Ellsworth	21,630	22,970	21,580	20,600	22,000	20,430	1,030	970	1,150	4.8	4.2	5.3
Farmington	12,670	12,720	12,680	12,250	12,350	12,190	420	370	490	3.3	2.9	3.9
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,240	5,350	5,290	4,960	5,100	5,040	280	250	250	5.3	4.7	4.7
Greenville	1,480	1,450	1,440	1,370	1,410	1,340	110	40	100	7.4	2.8	6.9
Houlton	5,320	6,060	6,050	5,140	5,850	5,830	180	210	220	3.4	3.5	3.6
Kittery-York 3/	30,290	30,700	29,680	29,920	30,430	29,290	370	270	390	1.2	0.9	1.3
Lincoln-Howland	5,340	5,450	5,480	5,020	5,140	5,240	320	310	240	6.0	5.7	4.4
Livermore Falls	4,190	4,160	4,490	3,980	4,030	4,200	210	130	290	5.0	3.1	6.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,780	3,810	3,760	3,490	3,540	3,430	290	270	330	7.7	7.1	8.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,770	3,850	4,190	3,610	3,680	3,880	160	170	310	4.2	4.4	7.4
Norway-Paris	11,590	12,250	12,150	11,010	11,840	11,740	580	410	410	5.0	3.3	3.4
Patten-Island Falls	2,420	2,460	2,320	2,270	2,320	2,160	150	140	160	6.2	5.7	6.9
Rockland	18,450	19,030	18,100	17,680	18,320	17,550	770	710	550	4.2	3.7	3.0
Rumford	8,050	8,520	8,490	7,640	8,030	8,120	410	490	370	5.1	5.8	4.4
Sanford	16,610	16,950	15,880	15,890	16,490	15,430	720	460	450	4.3	2.7	2.8
Sebago Lakes Region	10,980	11,310	10,840	10,660	11,060	10,570	320	250	270	2.9	2.2	2.5
Skowhegan	21,820	22,620	21,870	20,720	21,610	20,620	1,100	1,010	1,250	5.0	4.5	5.7
Southwest Penobscot	10,240	10,550	10,340	9,770	10,050	9,680	470	500	660	4.6	4.7	6.4
Waterville	23,960	24,150	24,160	23,010	23,410	23,290	950	740	870	4.0	3.1	3.6
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,795.8	1,774.3	n/a	1,741.1	1,718.7	n/a	54.7	55.6	n/a	3.0	3.1
Massachusetts	3,135.0	3,146.0	3,087.3	3,041.0	3,035.0	3,005.6	94.0	111.0	81.8	3.0	3.5	2.6
New Hampshire	n/a	613.5	599.3	n/a	598.2	586.7	n/a	15.3	12.6	n/a	2.5	2.1
Rhode Island	540.7	534.4	525.3	522.0	519.8	506.9	18.7	14.6	18.4	3.5	2.7	3.5
Vermont	n/a	304.1	302.4	n/a	295.3	291.3	n/a	8.8	11.1	n/a	2.9	3.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,999.7	6,878.2	n/a	6,777.5	6,677.1	n/a	222.2	201.1	n/a	3.2	2.9
UNITED STATES 4/	122,120	122,639	120,206	115,978	116,314	113,679	6,142	6,325	6,526	5.0	5.2	5.4

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary, year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits, state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	6,653	4,884	6,205	636	544	588	801	430	583
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.6	1.1	1.6

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Maine Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

In Thousands

ITEM	1988 4th Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	Net Change to Current Quarter From Previous Quarter	Net Change to Current Quarter From Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	533.2	534.7	515.8	-1.5	+17.4
Total Manufacturing	109.7	107.5	105.6	+2.2	+4.1
Durable Goods	53.3	51.7	49.5	+1.6	+3.8
Lumber and Wood Products	13.7	13.6	14.1	+0.1	-0.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.6	3.5	+0.1	+0.2
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.9	4.9	4.4	0.0	+0.5
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	12.0	11.9	11.0	+0.1	+1.0
Transportation Equipment	13.6	12.8	11.3	+0.8	+2.3
Other Durable Goods	5.4	4.9	5.2	+0.5	+0.2
Nondurable Goods	56.4	55.8	56.1	+0.6	+0.3
Food and Kindred Products	7.4	8.0	7.3	-0.6	+0.1
Textile Mill Products	6.3	5.7	6.7	+0.6	-0.4
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.0	3.2	+0.1	-0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.3	17.4	16.7	-0.1	+0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.4	5.4	+0.1	+0.1
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.7	3.7	3.6	0.0	+0.1
Leather and Leather Products	11.9	11.3	12.0	+0.6	-0.1
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.0	9.5	10.0	+0.5	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.3	1.2	-0.1	0.0
Total Nonmanufacturing	423.5	427.2	410.2	-3.7	+13.3
Construction and Mining	36.1	37.8	32.5	-1.7	+3.6
Building Construction	12.6	13.5	12.6	-0.9	0.0
Special Trades Contractor	16.8	17.0	14.5	-0.2	+2.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.6	21.8	20.5	-0.2	+1.1
Wholesale Trade	25.4	25.2	24.4	+0.2	+1.0
Retail Trade	106.9	110.7	104.8	-3.8	+2.1
Food Stores	19.7	20.2	19.3	-0.5	+0.4
Eating and Drinking Places	32.1	38.4	29.9	-6.3	+2.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.5	25.5	25.1	0.0	+0.4
Banking	9.1	9.2	8.6	-0.1	+0.5
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.1	9.9	10.3	+0.2	-0.2
Services	112.9	121.9	109.7	-9.0	+3.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	7.8	14.1	7.2	-6.3	+0.6
Business Services	12.2	12.3	11.7	-0.1	+0.5
Health Services	42.5	42.9	41.5	-0.4	+1.0
Federal Government	18.8	18.6	18.8	+0.2	0.0
State and Local Government	76.3	65.7	74.4	+10.6	+1.9
Involved in Labor Management Disputes	0.0	1.2	1.3	-1.2	-1.3

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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

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The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Now you can hire ... or you can be hired...

Bonding for Ex-Offenders at no Cost to Employers

It can be difficult to find a good job when one has been out of the labor market for a period of time, but when that time has been spent in prison, it is even harder. Most employers do not want to put their trust in ex-offenders, especially if the job includes handling cash or valuable goods and materials. However, there is a 20-year-old program that can be beneficial to both employer and job-seeker.

"Every day I have to turn down job-seekers because they aren't bondable."

—Employer

The Federal Bonding Program (FBP) provides fidelity bonds for applicants who are (or may be) denied coverage by commercial carriers because of a record of arrest, conviction, or imprisonment, and this coverage is provided at no cost to the employer or the applicant.

What is Bonding?

Many employers carry insurance to protect themselves against employee theft or dishonesty. Employees who handle money or valuable tools or goods are covered. This insurance is called fidelity bonding. Usually insurance carriers refuse fidelity bonding to employers for employees or applicants who are considered a bad risk, such as ex-offenders.

How Does the FBP Work?

Bonding assistance may be provided to any individual who:

- Is qualified for the employment in question
- Is not commercially bondable
- Has a firm job offer

and if the job:

- Offers full-time, steady work
- Offers reasonable expectation of permanence
- Is not self-employment

Application

Coverage is provided by the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company through the Federal Bonding Program, which is administered in Maine by the Bureau of Employment Security, Job Service Division. Either the job applicant or the prospective employer (on behalf of an applicant or employee) may apply for fidelity bonding insurance by contacting the Designated Authorized Representative for the

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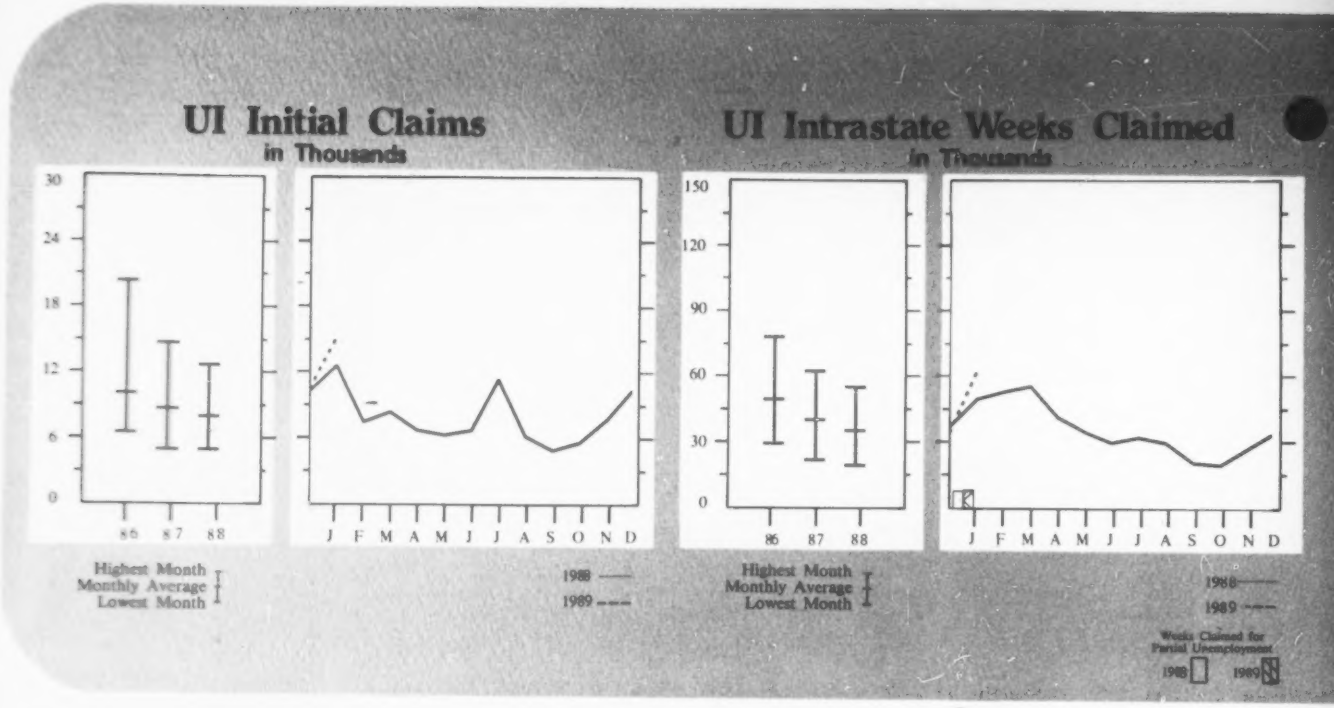

state, Hilton Drake, at the Job Service Administrative Office in Augusta, 289-3431.

Processing

The application procedure is simple and quick. If the applicant and the job meet eligibility criteria, bonding becomes effective immediately when the following two conditions are met:

- The Designated Authorized Representative certifies the bond. The process usually takes only a day or two
- The applicant begins work

After the applicant is enrolled in the FBP, the bond is mailed to the employer by Aetna. Coverage begins on the first day of work.

Coverage

The designated authorized representative can help you match the amount of FBP coverage to the exact needs of the potential employee. Bonds are available in $500 increments up to $10,000 and, in special cases, up to $25,000.

The bond may cover any period up to 12 months. However, at the end of the FBP coverage, if bonding cannot be arranged through the employer's own insurance company or through another commercial underwriter, The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company will arrange for standard commercial bonding coverage. This coverage will be arranged for any bondee who has been bonded for a reasonable period of time without default under the Federal Bonding Program.

How Successful is the Program?

A recent report showed that:

- Over 21,000 bonds have been issued
- The default rate for the Federal Bonding Program is under two percent. This means that claims have been paid on fewer than one in fifty bondees
- Employers of FBP bondees have expressed a high degree of satisfaction with their performance

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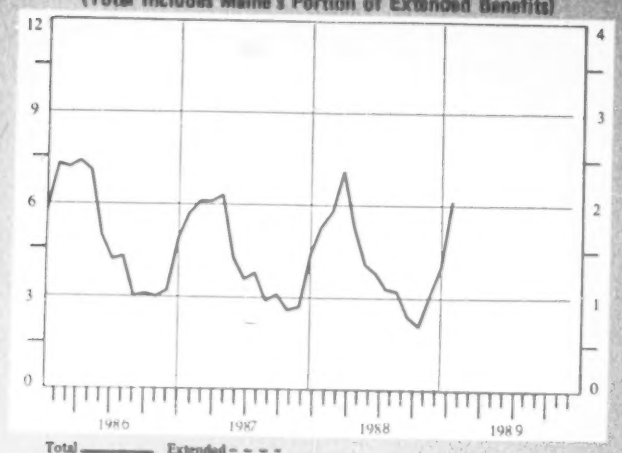
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments
In Millions
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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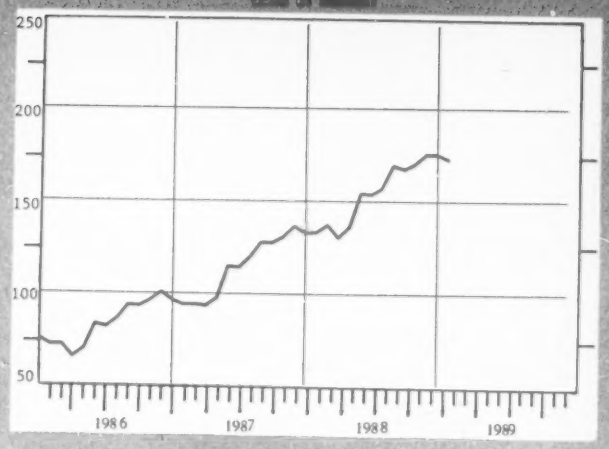

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	514.9	530.1	497.1	128.6	132.5	122.1	40.6	42.0	39.7
Total Manufacturing	109.2	110.4	107.1	17.8	17.4	16.7	9.8	10.0	10.3
Durable Goods	51.9	52.9	49.3	8.6	8.7	7.9	2.8	2.9	2.9
Lumber and Wood Products	13.6	13.8	13.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.7	3.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.7	4.4	1.9	2.2	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10.9	11.1	10.9	3.7	3.6	3.4	0.7	0.7	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2/	14.3	14.2	12.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	5.0	5.4	4.7	1.8	1.6	1.0	0.3	0.4	0.3
Nondurable Goods	57.3	57.5	57.8	9.2	8.7	8.8	7.0	7.1	7.4
Food and Kindred Products	7.2	7.2	7.5	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.3	6.2	6.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.1	1.1	1.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.9	17.9	17.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.7	5.6	5.6	1.8	1.7	1.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.7	3.8	3.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.7	1.8	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	12.3	12.5	12.6	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.5	10.7	10.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	1.9
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.1	1.2	1.0	3.5	3.3	3.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	405.7	419.7	390.0	110.8	115.1	105.4	30.8	32.0	29.4
Construction and Mining	32.1	34.9	29.0	8.3	9.2	8.4	2.1	2.4	2.0
Building Construction	11.2	12.0	11.0	2.5	2.8	2.6	0.6	0.7	0.5
Special Trades Contractor	15.3	16.4	13.5	4.5	4.9	4.8	1.4	1.5	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.3	21.4	20.0	5.0	5.6	5.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.5	25.4	24.2	10.3	10.3	9.8	2.1	2.2	2.0
Retail Trade	98.6	105.2	96.7	28.8	30.6	27.3	8.3	8.9	7.7
Food Stores	18.2	18.7	17.3	4.2	4.4	4.1	1.4	1.4	1.3
Eating and Drinking Places	28.2	29.9	26.9	7.6	8.1	7.0	2.4	2.4	2.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.5	25.5	24.9	11.7	12.6	11.8	2.3	2.3	2.2
Banking	8.9	8.9	8.6	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.2	10.1	10.1	5.7	5.7	5.3	0.6	0.6	0.6
Services	112.0	112.4	106.0	30.6	30.1	28.1	10.5	10.8	10.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	5.9	6.5	5.7	1.3	1.4	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Business Services	13.8	13.5	12.4	4.9	4.8	4.9	1.1	1.0	0.9
Health Services	42.6	42.4	40.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	4.1	4.1	4.2
Federal Government	18.8	19.1	18.4	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	71.9	75.8	70.8	14.0	14.6	12.7	3.8	3.7	3.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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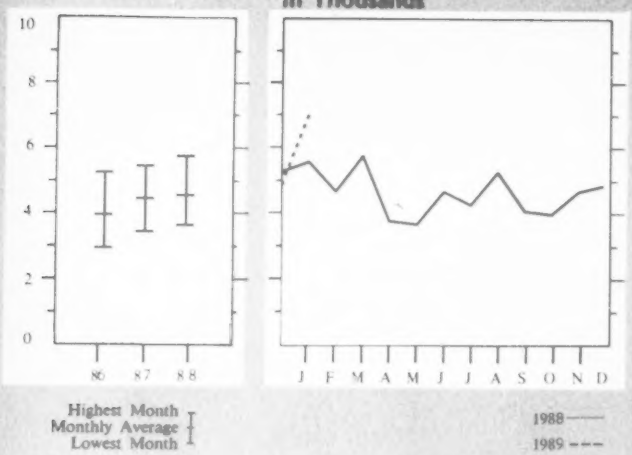
New Applications For Work

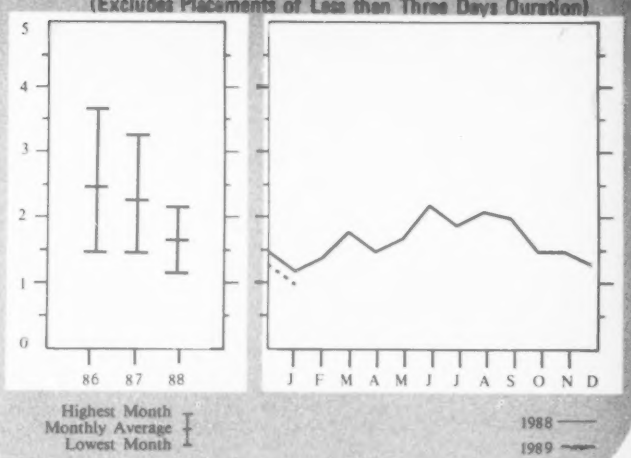
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1987	1986
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$391.55	$392.45	$367.22	40.2	40.5	41.4	$9.74	$9.69	$8.87	$9.31	$8.77	$8.65
Durable Goods	386.78	388.96	367.16	40.8	40.9	43.4	9.48	9.51	8.46	9.00	8.32	8.52
Lumber and Wood Products	367.34	368.74	335.96	40.5	40.7	39.9	9.07	9.06	8.42	8.60	7.82	7.74
Primary and Fabricated Metals	404.10	403.10	406.00	45.1	44.2	46.4	8.96	9.12	8.75	8.79	8.94	8.58
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	473.57	476.25	452.48	45.8	46.6	50.5	10.34	10.22	8.96	9.49	9.20	9.62
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	332.72	311.34	340.47	37.3	35.1	42.4	8.92	8.87	8.03	8.51	8.03	7.94
Other Durable Goods	410.94	408.62	363.37	41.3	41.4	42.8	9.95	9.87	8.49	9.31	8.60	9.41
Nondurable Goods	396.60	395.39	364.31	39.7	40.1	39.3	9.99	9.86	9.27	9.60	9.18	8.76
Food and Kindred Products	285.38	288.56	252.45	37.6	39.1	34.3	7.59	7.38	7.36	7.30	7.16	7.00
Textile Mill Products	318.38	319.97	300.11	40.2	39.6	40.5	7.92	8.08	7.41	7.66	7.35	7.04
Apparel and Other Textile Products	228.33	250.05	211.90	34.7	37.1	35.2	6.58	6.74	6.02	6.43	5.92	5.73
Paper and Allied Products	648.11	633.85	585.61	44.3	44.7	43.8	14.63	14.18	13.37	13.93	13.43	12.70
Leather and Leather Products	243.38	253.05	242.35	37.1	37.6	37.4	6.56	6.73	6.48	6.59	6.34	6.05
Other Nondurable Goods	320.17	325.74	327.64	37.1	37.1	38.5	8.63	8.78	8.51	8.62	8.28	8.00
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	425.57	406.18	389.76	40.3	39.9	42.0	10.56	10.18	9.28	9.58	9.13	9.17
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	324.32	324.14	311.89	39.6	38.0	40.4	8.19	8.53	7.72	8.08	7.40	7.1965

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	290.6	280.7	270.0
Unemployed	15.0	10.8	12.1
(Percent)	5.2%	3.8%	4.5%
Resident Employed	275.6	269.9	257.9

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	121.1	120.5	115.7	120.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.5
Percent Change from Last December	+0.5
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.7

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	595.9	601.0	580.4	568.5	576.2	553.1	27.4	24.8	27.3	4.6	4.1	4.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	44,700	46,900	43,100	43,100	45,300	41,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	3.6	3.4	3.7
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,700	42,800	41,900	40,300	40,800	39,700	2,400	2,000	2,200	5.6	4.7	5.3
Portland MSA	129,200	131,300	123,800	126,200	128,500	120,800	3,000	2,800	3,000	2.3	2.1	2.4
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	134,400	127,700	n/a	132,000	124,600	n/a	2,400	3,100	n/a	1.8	2.4
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,240	33,730	33,380	32,940	32,820	31,960	1,300	910	1,420	3.8	2.7	4.3
Bath-Brunswick	29,110	28,360	27,740	28,260	27,750	26,730	850	610	1,010	2.9	2.2	3.6
Belfast	11,110	11,230	11,230	10,000	10,150	10,270	1,110	1,080	960	10.0	9.6	8.5
Biddeford	27,300	27,310	26,390	26,360	26,170	25,390	940	1,140	1,000	3.4	4.2	3.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	13,120	13,130	12,620	12,390	12,540	12,020	730	590	600	5.6	4.5	4.8
Calais-Eastport	13,820	14,340	13,400	12,480	13,220	11,820	1,340	1,120	1,580	9.7	7.8	11.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,640	21,060	20,430	19,030	19,190	18,740	1,610	1,870	1,690	7.8	8.9	8.3
Central Penobscot	3,120	3,090	2,820	2,920	2,960	2,630	200	130	190	6.4	4.2	6.7
Dover-Foxcroft	7,220	7,170	7,040	6,790	6,810	6,610	430	360	430	6.0	5.0	6.1
Ellsworth	22,030	22,220	21,600	20,310	20,980	19,740	1,710	1,240	1,860	7.8	5.6	8.6
Farmington	12,510	12,550	12,410	12,010	12,050	11,890	500	500	520	4.0	4.0	4.2
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,200	5,710	5,300	4,970	5,370	4,930	230	340	370	4.4	6.0	7.0
Greenville	1,530	1,560	1,370	1,400	1,420	1,250	130	140	120	8.5	9.0	8.8
Houlton	6,130	6,010	6,000	5,860	5,790	5,680	270	220	320	4.4	3.7	5.3
Kittery-York 3/	29,790	30,010	29,060	29,240	29,570	28,410	550	440	650	1.8	1.5	2.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,210	5,250	5,260	5,000	4,870	5,030	210	380	230	4.0	7.2	4.4
Livermore Falls	4,080	4,050	4,110	3,810	3,800	3,860	270	250	250	6.6	6.2	6.1
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,620	3,800	3,530	3,330	3,460	3,160	290	340	370	8.0	8.9	10.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,100	4,060	4,210	3,890	3,860	3,890	210	200	320	5.1	4.9	7.6
Norway-Paris	11,840	11,770	11,850	11,110	11,070	11,220	730	700	630	6.2	5.9	5.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,460	2,400	2,390	2,250	2,220	2,220	210	180	170	8.5	7.5	7.1
Rockland	17,800	18,110	17,560	16,760	17,190	16,660	1,040	920	900	5.8	5.1	5.1
Rumford	8,390	8,150	8,620	7,780	7,650	8,050	610	500	570	7.3	6.1	6.6
Sanford	16,080	16,290	16,300	15,180	15,420	15,540	900	870	760	5.6	5.3	4.7
Sebago Lakes Region	11,900	11,740	11,420	11,470	11,350	11,070	430	390	350	3.6	3.3	3.1
Skowhegan	21,510	21,120	21,370	19,880	19,800	19,850	1,630	1,320	1,520	7.6	6.3	7.1
Southwest Penobscot	11,170	10,930	10,500	10,380	10,360	9,790	790	570	710	7.1	5.2	6.8
Waterville	24,410	24,880	23,850	23,150	23,720	22,740	1,260	1,160	1,110	5.2	4.7	4.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,701.7	1,673.1	n/a	1,645.7	1,617.0	n/a	55.9	56.2	n/a	3.3	3.4
Massachusetts	3,139.0	3,127.2	3,103.9	3,020.0	3,033.3	2,986.3	119.0	93.9	117.6	3.8	3.0	3.8
New Hampshire	n/a	617.8	588.4	n/a	604.3	573.5	n/a	13.5	14.9	n/a	2.2	2.5
Rhode Island	524.9	533.9	513.2	508.1	523.0	497.6	16.8	10.9	15.5	3.2	2.0	3.0
Vermont	303.6	306.5	294.1	293.7	298.9	284.4	9.9	7.6	9.7	3.3	2.5	3.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,888.1	6,753.1	n/a	6,681.4	6,511.9	n/a	206.6	241.2	n/a	3.0	3.6
UNITED STATES 4/	122,095	122,120	119,742	114,786	115,978	112,139	7,309	6,142	7,603	6.0	5.0	6.3

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current month figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants*	11,205	6,653	9,597	1,066	636	1,023	1,098	601	887

* Data for week including the 12th of the month. Continued-week claimants are less partials.

Q. and A. about the Federal Bonding Program

Q. What is the maximum and minimum coverage under the FBP?
A. Bonds are issued in units of $500 up to a maximum of $10,000, and, in very special cases, up to $25,000.

Q. Must employers attempt to obtain coverage through their normal insurance sources before requesting FBP coverage?
A. In the case of ex-offenders, this is not necessary.

Q. Is a self-employed person eligible for coverage under the FBP?
A. No, since the person has no employer.

Q. Can bonding be provided for employees occupying jobs where bonding was not previously an employment requirement?
A. Yes, if the employer can substantiate that the jobs are ones which pose the risk of substantial loss or damage.

Q. An employer requests coverage for an employee who is already working. The employee is being promoted to a position requiring the handling of substantial cash. Bonding cannot be acquired through normal sources. Is the employee eligible for the FBP?
A. Yes. In addition, if the employer only now learns that the employee has a "record," that employee is eligible.

For more information, contact Hilton Drake, Designated Authorized Representative at the Job Service, 289-3431

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The Hospitality Industry -- An Important Part of Maine's Economy

The hospitality industry, defined here as eating and drinking places and lodging places, has contributed significantly to the demand for labor in Maine, and will continue to do so in the future. Between 1958 and 1988, Maine nonfarm employment increased by 96 percent. During the same time span, employment in Maine's hospitality industry increased by 361 percent, or at a rate almost four times that of total nonfarm employment. The rate of employment growth in the hospitality industry exceeded gains recorded by both the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing sectors.

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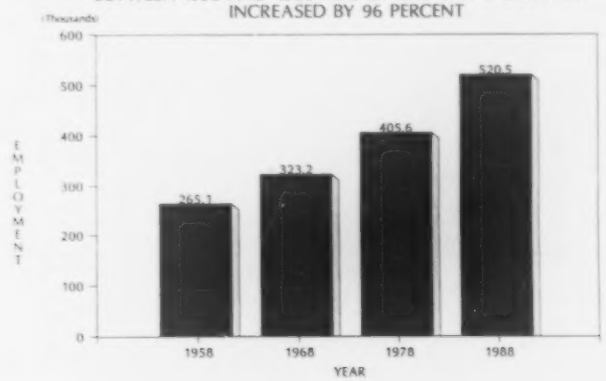
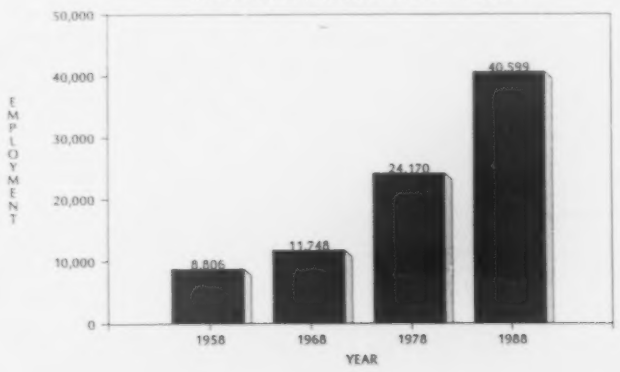
BETWEEN 1958 AND 1988 MAINE NONFARM EMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 96 PERCENT



OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY INCREASED BY 361 PERCENT



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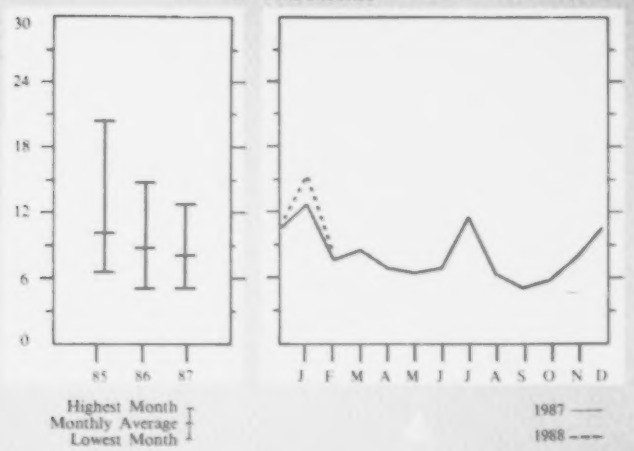

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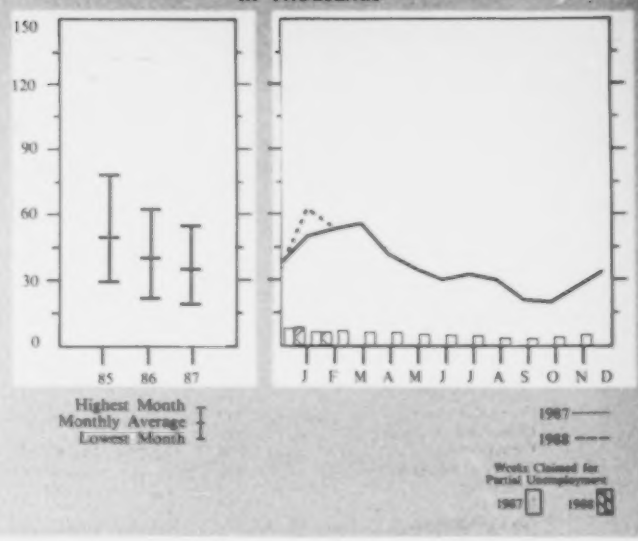

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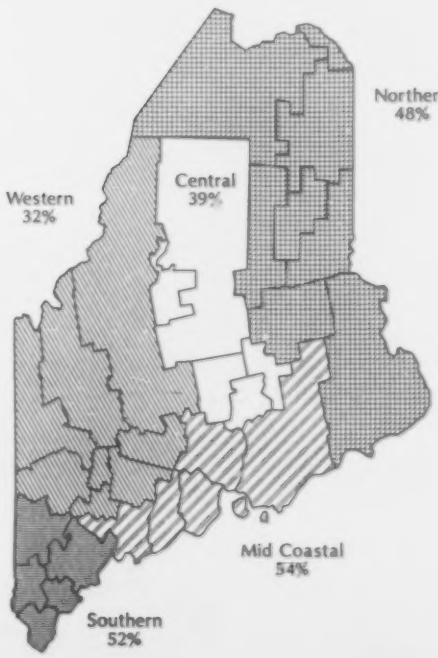
A geographical analysis of employment growth in the hospitality industry shows the strongest gains in the mid-coastal and southern areas of the state, with increases of 54 and 52 percent, respectively, between 1981 and 1987. The northern area of the state recorded an employment gain of 48 percent. The western and central areas of the state recorded the lowest rates of growth with increases of 32 and 39 percent, respectively.

Maine's hospitality industry is seasonal in nature. During 1988 employment in this industry rose almost 20,000 between January and August. See the related graph on page 6.

EMPLOYMENT GROWTH IN MAINE'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY, 1981 TO 1987



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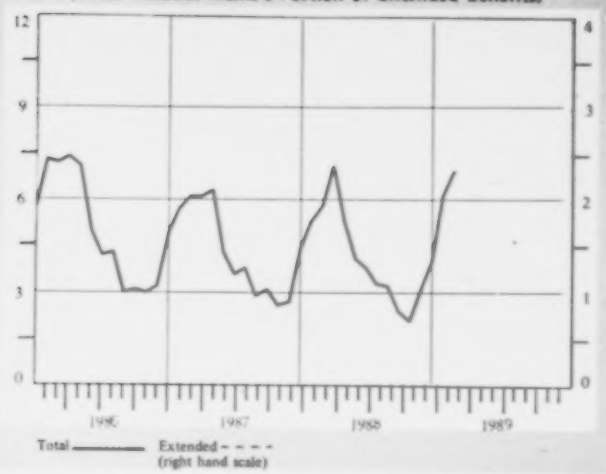
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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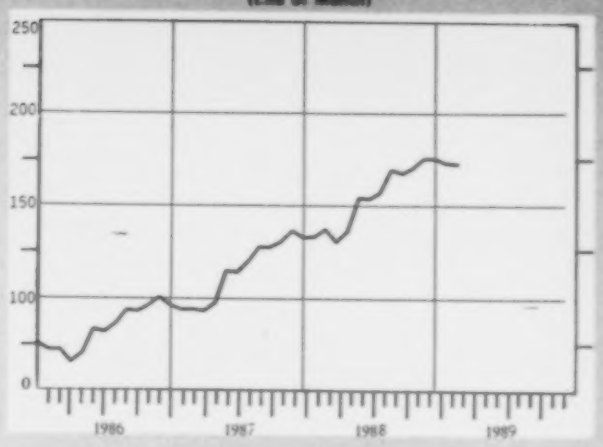
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	515.5	515.2	500.3	128.3	128.6	122.8	40.4	40.6	39.9
Total Manufacturing	108.1	109.3	107.3	17.6	17.8	17.0	9.9	9.8	10.4
Durable Goods	51.3	51.9	49.2	8.5	8.6	8.2	2.8	2.8	2.9
Lumber and Wood Products	13.4	13.6	13.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.7	3.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.4	4.4	1.9	1.9	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10.6	10.9	10.9	3.6	3.7	3.5	0.7	0.7	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2/	14.3	14.3	12.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.9	5.0	4.6	1.8	1.8	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	56.8	57.4	58.1	9.1	9.2	8.8	7.1	7.0	7.5
Food and Kindred Products	7.0	7.2	7.5	1.8	1.9	1.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.3	6.3	6.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.1	1.1	1.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.0	3.0	3.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.9	17.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.7	5.7	5.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.8	1.7	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	12.2	12.4	12.6	1.3	1.3	1.4	2.0	2.0	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.4	10.6	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.8	1.8
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.1	1.1	1.0	3.5	3.5	3.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	407.4	405.9	393.0	110.7	110.8	105.8	30.5	30.8	29.5
Construction and Mining	30.6	32.0	28.2	8.1	8.3	8.2	2.1	2.1	2.0
Building Construction	10.6	11.1	10.7	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Special Trades Contractor	14.7	15.3	13.1	4.5	4.5	4.4	1.3	1.4	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.0	21.2	20.0	5.0	5.0	5.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.4	25.5	24.3	10.3	10.3	9.9	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	96.8	99.0	95.6	28.0	28.8	26.5	8.1	8.3	7.6
Food Stores	18.0	18.3	17.3	4.2	4.2	4.1	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	27.8	28.4	27.1	7.5	7.6	7.1	2.4	2.4	2.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.5	25.5	24.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	2.3	2.3	2.2
Banking	8.9	8.9	8.5	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.2	10.2	10.0	5.7	5.7	5.3	0.7	0.6	0.6
Services	112.9	112.0	107.2	30.8	30.6	28.3	10.4	10.5	10.3
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	5.9	5.9	5.8	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Business Services	13.7	13.8	12.4	4.9	4.9	5.0	1.0	1.1	0.9
Health Services	42.7	42.5	41.1	10.0	10.0	10.0	4.1	4.1	4.2
Federal Government	18.8	18.9	18.5	2.2	2.1	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	76.4	71.8	74.5	14.6	14.0	13.8	3.8	3.8	3.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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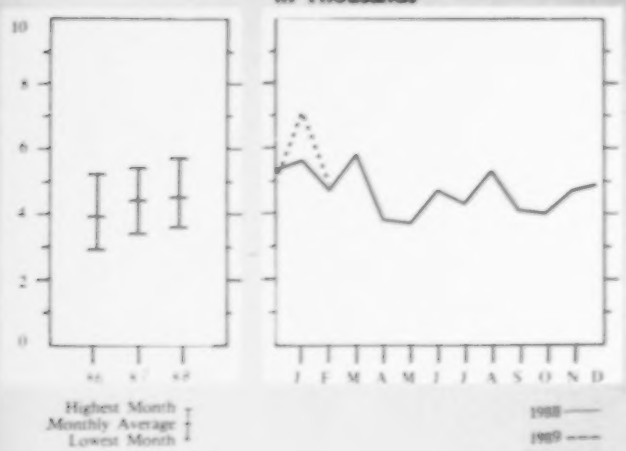
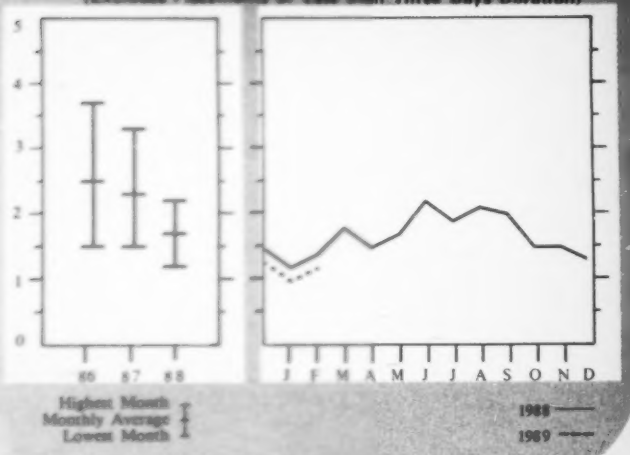


Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1987	1986
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$389.54	$391.55	$370.64	40.2	40.2	41.0	$9.69	$9.74	$9.04	$9.31	$8.77	$8.65
Durable Goods	382.99	386.78	374.11	40.4	40.8	43.1	9.48	9.48	8.68	9.00	8.32	8.52
Lumber and Wood Products	356.21	367.34	346.04	39.8	40.5	41.0	8.95	9.07	8.44	8.60	7.82	7.74
Primary and Fabricated Metals	391.00	404.10	391.61	43.3	45.1	44.2	9.03	8.96	8.86	8.79	8.94	8.58
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	483.39	473.57	446.99	44.8	45.8	49.5	10.79	10.34	9.03	9.49	9.20	9.62
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	326.34	332.72	338.66	37.0	37.3	41.0	8.82	8.92	8.26	8.51	8.03	7.94
Other Durable Goods	410.76	410.94	399.64	41.2	41.3	42.8	9.97	9.95	8.87	9.31	8.60	9.41
Nondurable Goods	396.59	396.60	365.27	40.1	39.7	38.9	9.89	9.99	9.39	9.60	9.18	8.76
Food and Kindred Products	294.89	285.38	251.69	38.1	37.6	35.3	7.74	7.59	7.13	7.30	7.16	7.00
Textile Mill Products	325.98	318.38	283.50	41.9	40.2	37.8	7.78	7.92	7.50	7.66	7.35	7.04
Apparel and Other Textile Products	243.63	228.33	207.74	36.2	34.7	34.0	6.73	6.58	6.11	6.43	5.92	5.73
Paper and Allied Products	636.23	648.11	605.22	44.9	44.3	44.6	14.17	14.63	13.57	13.93	13.43	12.70
Leather and Leather Products	252.34	243.38	236.60	37.0	37.1	36.4	6.82	6.56	6.50	6.59	6.34	6.05
Other Nondurable Goods	319.59	320.17	315.00	36.4	37.1	37.5	8.78	8.63	8.40	8.62	8.28	8.00
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	412.23	425.57	377.85	39.0	40.3	39.9	10.57	10.56	9.47	9.58	9.13	9.17
LEWISTON AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	326.36	324.32	304.98	39.8	39.6	39.0	8.20	8.19	7.82	8.08	7.40	7.19

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	279.0	290.7	269.6
Unemployed	15.3	15.1	13.4
(Percent)	5.5%	5.2%	5.0%
Resident Employed	263.6	275.7	256.2

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	121.6	121.1	116.0	120.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4
Percent Change from Last December	+0.9
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.8

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	594.0	596.3	576.6	566.5	568.7	548.8	27.5	27.6	27.8	4.6	4.6	4.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	45,700	44,600	43,500	44,100	43,000	41,800	1,600	1,600	1,700	3.5	3.6	3.9
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,100	42,700	41,500	39,800	40,300	39,400	2,300	2,400	2,100	5.5	5.6	5.1
Portland MSA	128,600	129,200	122,800	125,400	126,200	119,800	3,200	3,000	3,000	2.5	2.3	2.4
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	130,000	127,600	n/a	126,900	124,400	n/a	3,100	3,200	n/a	2.4	2.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,210	34,260	33,110	32,780	32,940	31,490	1,430	1,320	1,620	4.2	3.9	4.9
Bath-Brunswick	29,050	28,990	27,490	28,140	28,150	26,510	910	840	980	3.1	2.9	3.6
Belfast	11,110	11,120	11,180	9,940	10,010	10,080	1,170	1,110	1,100	10.5	10.0	9.8
Biddeford	27,230	27,310	26,080	26,180	26,370	25,110	1,050	940	970	3.9	3.4	3.7
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	12,910	13,120	12,390	12,320	12,390	11,860	580	730	530	4.5	5.6	4.3
Calais-Eastport	13,860	13,840	13,260	12,380	12,490	11,850	1,480	1,350	1,410	10.7	9.8	10.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,600	20,640	20,400	19,090	19,030	18,700	1,510	1,610	1,700	7.3	7.8	8.3
Central Penobscot	3,090	3,120	2,820	2,920	2,920	2,650	170	200	170	5.5	6.4	6.0
Dover-Foxcroft	7,100	7,230	6,930	6,690	6,790	6,470	410	440	460	5.8	6.1	6.6
Ellsworth	21,670	22,020	21,380	20,010	20,320	19,680	1,660	1,700	1,700	7.7	7.7	8.0
Farmington	12,990	12,520	13,160	12,360	12,010	12,540	630	510	620	4.8	4.1	4.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,290	5,220	5,240	4,990	4,980	4,870	300	240	370	5.7	4.6	7.1
Greenville	1,430	1,530	1,350	1,360	1,400	1,280	70	130	70	4.9	8.5	5.2
Houlton	6,030	6,130	5,820	5,760	5,860	5,530	270	270	290	4.5	4.4	5.0
Kittery-York 3/	29,800	30,080	28,780	29,180	29,520	28,100	620	560	680	2.1	1.9	2.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,270	5,220	5,230	5,000	5,000	4,950	270	220	280	5.1	4.2	5.4
Livermore Falls	3,950	4,080	4,010	3,660	3,810	3,690	290	270	320	7.3	6.6	8.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,650	3,620	3,540	3,350	3,330	3,150	300	290	390	8.2	8.0	11.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,060	4,100	4,050	3,840	3,890	3,810	220	210	240	5.4	5.1	5.9
Norway-Paris	11,720	11,790	11,610	10,900	11,040	11,010	820	750	600	7.0	6.4	5.2
Patten-Island Falls	2,390	2,460	2,360	2,230	2,250	2,200	160	210	160	6.7	8.5	6.8
Rockland	17,290	17,820	17,470	16,540	16,760	16,460	750	1,060	1,010	4.3	5.9	5.8
Rumford	8,380	8,390	8,460	7,760	7,780	7,840	620	610	620	7.4	7.3	7.3
Sanford	16,180	16,090	16,090	15,290	15,190	15,370	890	900	720	5.5	5.6	4.5
Sebago Lakes Region	11,820	11,920	11,250	11,380	11,470	10,860	440	450	390	3.7	3.8	3.5
Skowhegan	21,340	21,510	21,240	19,790	19,880	19,620	1,550	1,630	1,620	7.3	7.6	7.6
Southwest Penobscot	11,040	11,180	10,540	10,310	10,390	9,710	730	790	830	6.6	7.1	7.9
Waterville	24,170	24,400	23,630	23,020	23,150	22,460	1,150	1,250	1,170	4.8	5.1	5.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,677.3	1,689.9	n/a	1,615.5	1,634.0	n/a	61.8	55.9	n/a	3.7	3.3
Massachusetts	3,162.0	3,139.0	3,098.0	3,038.0	3,020.0	2,981.7	124.0	119.0	116.3	3.9	3.8	3.8
New Hampshire	n/a	614.4	587.5	n/a	596.9	571.9	n/a	17.6	15.6	n/a	2.9	2.7
Rhode Island	527.6	525.0	508.8	508.3	508.2	491.4	19.3	16.8	17.4	3.7	3.2	3.4
Vermont	303.8	304.1	290.6	293.2	294.2	280.7	10.6	9.9	9.9	3.5	3.3	3.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,856.1	6,751.4	n/a	6,603.5	6,508.5	n/a	252.7	242.9	n/a	3.7	3.6
UNITED STATES 4/	121,906	122,095	119,942	115,023	114,786	112,460	6,883	7,309	7,482	5.6	6.0	6.2

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current month figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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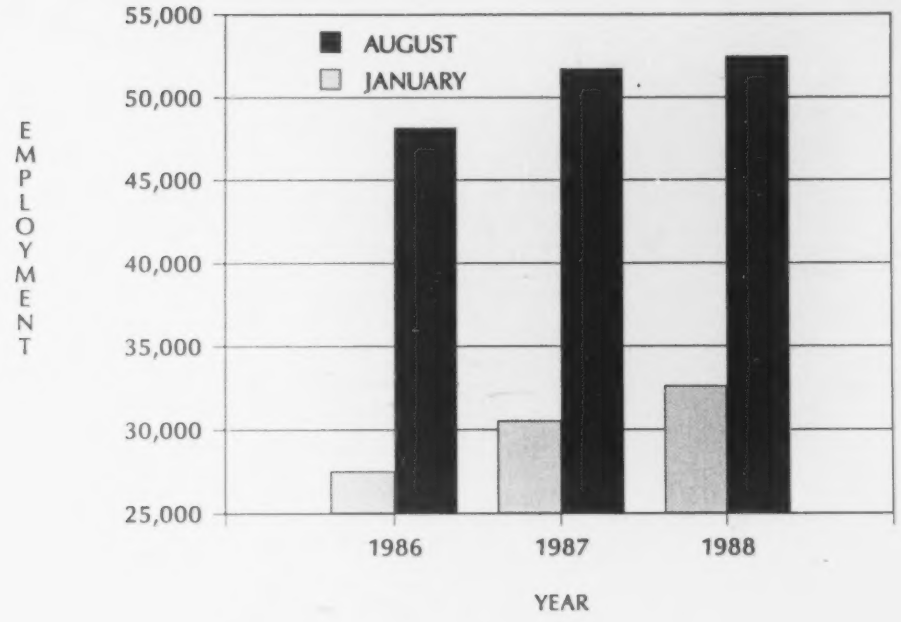
Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants*	11,515	11,494	10,138	1,221	1,105	1,075	1,061	1,109	841

* Data for week including the 12th of the month. Continued-week claimants are less partials.

EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY INCREASES OVER 60 PERCENT BETWEEN JANUARY AND AUGUST



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The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Job Service Announces a Special Recruitment Effort to Support Maine's Tourism Industry

The Maine Job Service and the Office of Tourism in conjunction with the Maine Innkeepers Association and the Maine Restaurant Association are making a special effort to recruit employees for seasonal job openings in the tourist industry.

Senior citizen programs, retirement organizations, high schools, colleges, and vocational technical institutes are being contacted regarding seasonal employment opportunities. Recruiting notices are also being placed throughout the state, as well as Boston and New Hampshire, to attract applicants.

Employers should notify the Maine Job Service of the positions that they now

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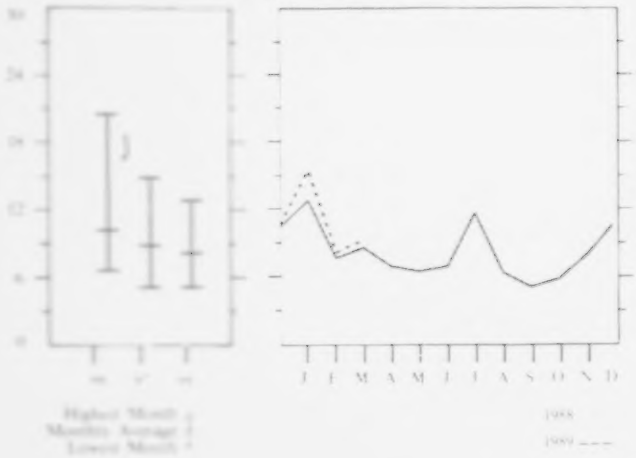
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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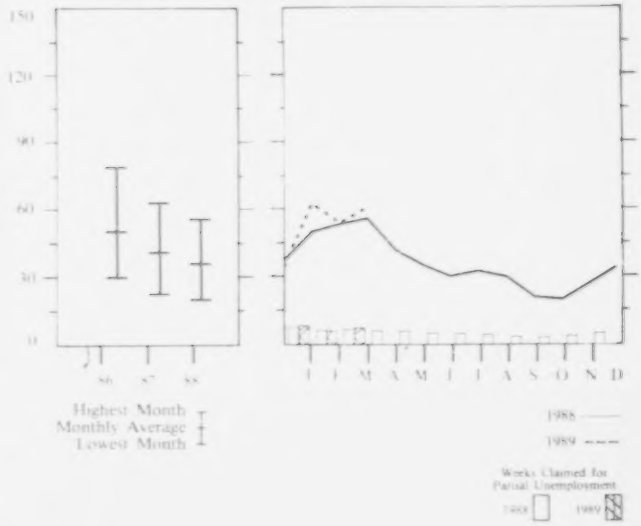

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have open or will have open as the season approaches. In turn, the Job Service will assist in completing a simple job order form which identifies specific job descriptions. This information will be entered into a computerized job bank that will assist in matching qualified applicants with available jobs.

Along with the normal recruitment process, this special effort should help to increase the number of job applicants and ease the severe labor shortages experienced in recent seasons.

For additional information about this special service, please contact Kathleen Piecuch at the Maine Job Service, 20 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04330-6826 (☎ 289-3431) or the nearest Job Service office in your area.

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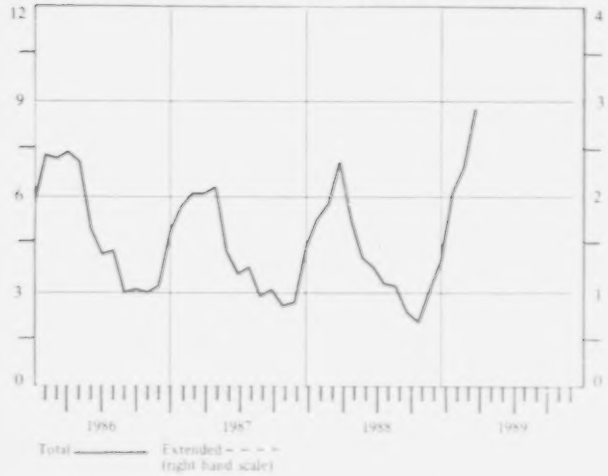
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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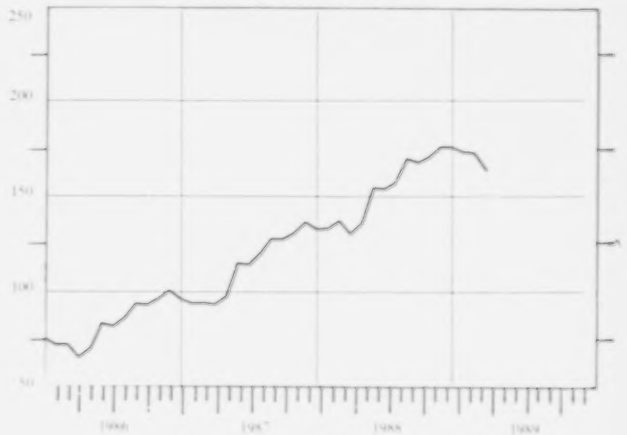
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1	515.7	515.7	503.2	129.2	128.3	123.0	40.5	40.4	40.1
Total Manufacturing	107.5	108.1	106.4	17.5	17.6	16.5	10.0	9.9	10.5
Durable Goods	50.4	51.3	48.9	8.4	8.5	8.2	2.9	2.8	3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	12.8	13.4	13.1	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.7	3.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.4	4.5	1.8	1.9	2.3	0.6	0.2	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10.4	10.6	10.8	3.6	3.6	3.3	0.3	0.7	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2	14.2	14.3	12.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3	4.9	4.9	4.7	1.8	1.8	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	57.1	56.8	57.5	9.1	9.1	8.3	7.1	7.1	7.5
Food and Kindred Products	6.9	7.0	7.0	1.8	1.8	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.3	6.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.1	1.1	1.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.0	3.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	17.7	17.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.7	5.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.7	1.8	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	12.4	12.2	12.6	1.3	1.3	1.6	2.1	2.0	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.5	10.4	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.8	1.9
Other Nondurable Goods 4	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.5	3.5	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	408.2	407.6	396.8	111.7	110.7	106.5	30.5	30.5	29.6
Construction and Mining	30.5	30.5	28.6	8.3	8.1	8.5	2.1	2.1	2.0
Building Construction	10.3	10.6	10.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Special Trades Contractor	14.9	14.7	13.5	4.6	4.5	4.7	1.4	1.3	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.0	21.0	20.2	5.0	5.0	5.9	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.7	25.4	24.4	10.4	10.3	9.8	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	97.0	96.9	96.9	28.1	28.0	25.2	8.1	8.1	7.6
Food Stores	17.6	18.0	17.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	1.4	1.4	1.3
Eating and Drinking Places	26.6	27.8	27.9	7.7	7.5	7.1	2.4	2.4	2.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.5	25.5	24.9	11.7	11.7	12.3	2.3	2.3	2.2
Banking	8.9	8.9	8.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.2	10.2	10.1	5.7	5.7	5.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
Services	112.9	112.9	108.3	31.1	30.8	29.1	10.4	10.4	10.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.2	5.9	6.0	1.4	1.3	2.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Business Services	14.0	13.7	12.6	4.9	4.9	4.8	1.1	1.0	1.0
Health Services	42.3	42.7	41.4	10.1	10.0	10.2	4.1	4.1	4.3
Federal Government	18.8	18.8	18.4	2.2	2.2	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5	76.8	76.6	75.1	14.9	14.6	13.8	3.8	3.8	3.7
Involved in Labor Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

1. Employment figures exclude self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, domestic workers in households, and persons involved in labor-management disputes. Statewide figures also exclude employees covered by unemployment insurance who report no fixed place of work. Statewide figures also exclude employees working in fishing and trapping, private households, and religious organizations. Statewide figures include employees working in all other industries who report no fixed place of work.

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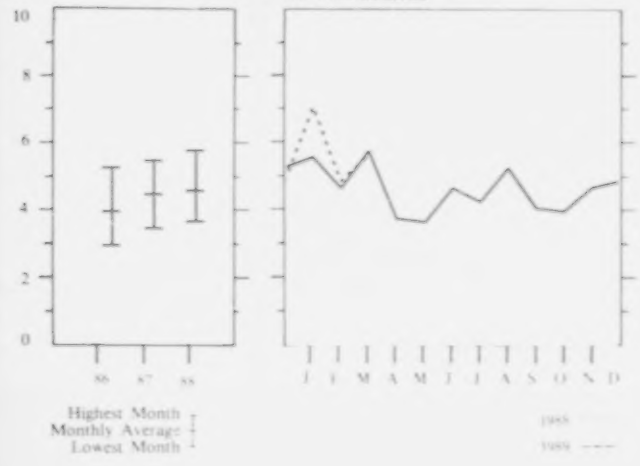
New Applications For Work

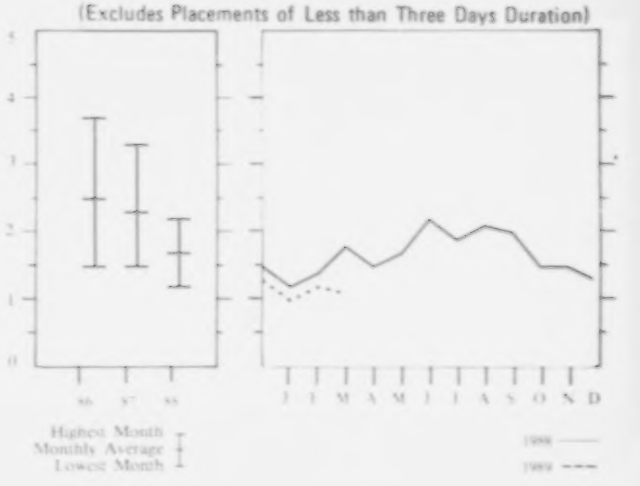
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1987	1986
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$385.76	$389.54	$375.72	40.1	40.2	41.7	$9.62	$9.69	$9.01	$9.31	$8.77	$8.65
Durable Goods	378.80	382.99	375.41	40.6	40.4	43.5	9.33	9.48	8.63	9.00	8.32	8.52
Lumber and Wood Products	354.97	356.21	331.71	40.2	39.8	40.7	8.83	8.95	8.15	8.60	7.82	7.74
Primary and Fabricated Metals	402.12	391.00	412.67	43.9	43.3	49.6	9.16	9.03	8.32	8.79	8.94	8.58
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	485.43	483.39	446.74	46.1	44.8	49.2	10.53	10.79	9.08	9.49	9.20	9.62
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	325.08	326.34	342.34	38.2	37.0	41.8	8.51	8.82	8.19	8.51	8.03	7.94
Other Durable Goods	396.73	410.76	383.02	40.4	41.2	42.7	9.82	9.97	8.97	9.31	8.60	9.41
Nondurable Goods	393.03	396.59	373.72	39.7	40.1	39.8	9.90	9.89	9.39	9.60	9.18	8.76
Food and Kindred Products	291.98	294.89	262.08	37.1	38.1	36.0	7.87	7.74	7.28	7.30	7.16	7.00
Textile Mill Products	327.89	325.98	305.63	41.4	41.9	39.9	7.92	7.78	7.66	7.66	7.35	7.04
Apparel and Other Textile Products	242.48	243.63	225.89	36.3	36.2	36.2	6.68	6.73	6.24	6.43	5.92	5.73
Paper and Allied Products	617.48	636.23	605.24	43.7	44.9	44.7	14.13	14.17	13.54	13.93	13.43	12.70
Leather and Leather Products	258.17	252.34	237.97	37.8	37.0	37.3	6.83	6.82	6.38	6.59	6.34	6.05
Other Nondurable Goods	326.14	319.59	327.25	36.4	36.4	38.5	8.96	8.78	8.50	8.62	8.28	8.00
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	413.83	412.23	399.93	40.1	39.0	42.5	10.32	10.57	9.41	9.58	9.13	9.17
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	318.80	326.36	320.85	39.8	39.8	41.4	8.01	8.20	7.75	8.08	7.40	7.19

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	277.6	279.2	247.0
Unemployed	12.3	15.5	11.8
(Percent)	4.4%	5.6%	4.8%
Resident Employed	265.3	263.7	235.2

1/ Preliminary Estimates 2/ Revised

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
1982-1984 = 100 All Items (CPI-U)	122.3	121.6	116.5	120.5
Percent Change for Past Month			+0.6%	
Percent Change from Last December			+1.5%	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago			+5.0%	

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	590.3	594.3	580.4	563.3	566.4	553.2	27.0	27.9	27.2	4.6	4.7	4.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	44,900	45,700	45,300	43,000	44,100	43,700	1,900	1,600	1,600	4.2	3.5	3.5
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,700	42,100	41,700	39,900	40,400	40,100	1,800	1,700	1,600	4.3	4.0	3.8
Portland MSA	128,200	128,700	124,200	123,200	123,400	120,000	5,000	5,300	4,200	3.9	4.1	3.4
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	131,100	128,800	n/a	127,900	125,100	n/a	3,200	3,700	n/a	2.4	2.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,350	34,250	33,900	33,040	32,750	32,150	1,310	1,500	1,750	3.8	4.4	5.2
Bath-Brunswick	28,960	29,460	27,800	28,090	28,140	26,900	870	1,320	900	3.0	4.5	3.2
Belfast	10,840	11,130	11,140	9,910	9,960	9,870	930	1,170	1,270	8.6	10.5	11.4
Biddeford	27,380	27,240	26,550	26,440	26,180	25,440	940	1,060	1,110	3.4	3.9	4.2
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	13,250	12,920	12,800	12,810	12,230	12,270	440	690	530	3.3	5.3	4.1
Calais-Eastport	13,590	13,860	13,320	12,270	12,380	11,980	1,320	1,480	1,340	9.7	10.7	10.1
Caribou-Presque Isle	19,910	20,620	20,340	18,720	19,190	18,960	1,190	1,430	1,380	6.0	6.9	6.8
Central Penobscot	3,030	3,100	2,780	2,900	2,950	2,630	130	150	150	4.3	4.8	5.4
Dover-Foxcroft	7,070	7,110	6,960	6,710	6,810	6,630	360	300	330	5.1	4.2	4.7
Ellsworth	21,480	21,660	21,720	20,280	20,550	20,570	1,200	1,110	1,150	5.6	5.1	5.3
Farmington	12,850	12,940	13,160	12,280	12,360	12,600	570	580	560	4.4	4.5	4.3
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,950	5,200	5,580	4,630	4,790	4,970	320	410	610	6.5	7.9	10.9
Greenville	1,300	1,430	1,420	1,220	1,280	1,360	80	150	60	6.2	10.5	4.2
Houlton	5,970	6,020	5,860	5,600	5,760	5,560	370	260	300	6.2	4.3	5.1
Kittery-York 3/	29,540	29,890	28,870	29,110	29,220	28,370	430	670	500	1.5	2.2	1.7
Lincoln-Howland	5,340	5,280	5,230	5,010	5,000	4,950	330	280	280	6.2	5.3	5.4
Livermore Falls	4,360	4,390	4,170	3,910	3,740	3,900	450	650	270	10.3	14.8	6.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,170	3,650	3,620	3,130	3,370	3,220	140	280	400	4.4	7.7	11.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,110	4,360	4,380	3,810	3,840	3,980	300	520	400	7.3	11.9	9.1
Norway-Paris	11,650	11,730	11,740	10,990	10,960	11,190	660	770	550	5.7	6.6	4.7
Patten-Island Falls	2,460	2,410	2,410	2,220	2,220	2,220	240	190	190	9.8	7.9	7.9
Rockland	17,340	17,320	17,490	16,440	16,540	16,730	900	780	760	5.2	4.5	4.4
Rumford	8,300	8,460	8,370	7,710	7,780	7,800	590	680	570	7.1	8.0	6.8
Sanford	18,140	18,130	18,240	15,320	15,290	15,600	820	840	640	4.5	4.6	3.5
Sebago Lakes Region	11,920	11,840	11,460	11,430	11,380	11,040	490	460	420	4.1	3.9	3.7
Skowhegan	21,290	21,350	21,330	19,910	19,790	19,800	1,380	1,560	1,530	6.5	7.3	7.2
Southwest Penobscot	11,050	11,160	10,880	10,190	10,300	9,810	870	860	1,070	7.9	7.7	9.8
Waterville	23,830	24,160	23,840	22,750	23,020	22,690	1,080	1,140	1,150	4.5	4.7	4.8
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,757.1	1,713.3	1,728.1	1,703.9	1,655.9	1,678.1	53.2	57.4	50.1	3.0	3.3	2.9
Massachusetts	3,156.0	3,162.3	3,143.2	3,028.1	3,038.1	3,031.3	128.1	124.1	111.9	4.1	3.9	3.6
New Hampshire	n/a	608.3	592.8	n/a	591.2	578.2	n/a	17.2	14.6	n/a	2.8	2.6
Rhode Island	534.3	527.6	517.7	511.4	508.5	498.6	22.9	19.1	19.1	4.3	3.7	3.7
Vermont	306.8	304.3	292.8	295.7	293.3	283.9	11.1	11.1	8.9	3.6	3.5	3.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,909.9	6,878.7	n/a	6,691.3	6,642.4	n/a	238.6	235.6	n/a	3.7	3.4
UNITED STATES	122,223	121,908	119,357	115,844	115,123	112,887	6,379	6,893	6,590	5.2	5.6	5.9

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Footnotes

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Weeks Claimed*	12,096	12,272	10,813	1,928	1,525	1,090	1,087	1,139	825

* Continued weeks claimed are for weeks ending the 12th of the month

Percentage of Youth, 16 to 19, Participating in the Labor Force

	1987	1988
Connecticut	60.3%	60.9%
MAINE	56.5	60.6
Massachusetts	60.8	61.4
New Hampshire	67.8	61.9
Vermont	67.4	67.0
Rhode Island	64.7	61.0
New England	61.5	61.4
United States	54.7	55.3

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

left, Students at Hall-Dale High School check the bulletin board for summer job opportunities

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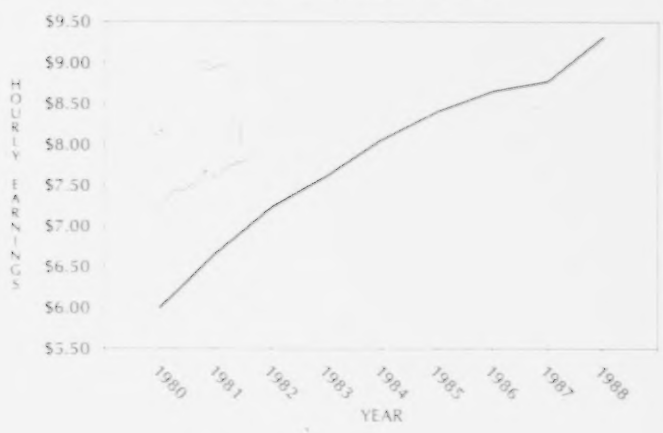
Maine's Production Workers Record Strong Wage Growth

Increases in the average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls in Maine averaged 6.2 percent in 1988. This gain was greater than increases recorded by all other New England states and outpaced the rise in prices of 4.1 percent as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS ON MANUFACTURING PAYROLLS MAINE, 1980 TO 1988



Nationally, increases in pay for production workers averaged 2.6 percent, well below the 6.2 percent growth recorded by Maine's production workers.

Maine also outpaced the other New England states with the greatest absolute hourly gain, up 54 cents to a 1988 average of $9.31. Maine thus moved in one year from recording the smallest gain in New England to the largest.

Between 1980 and 1988 all New England states have shown improvements in production worker wages relative to the nation.

In real terms, taking inflation into account, Maine's average hourly earnings for production workers increased by 8.1 percent between 1980 and 1988. For that same time period, the U.S. average pay for production workers decreased by 2.6 percent.

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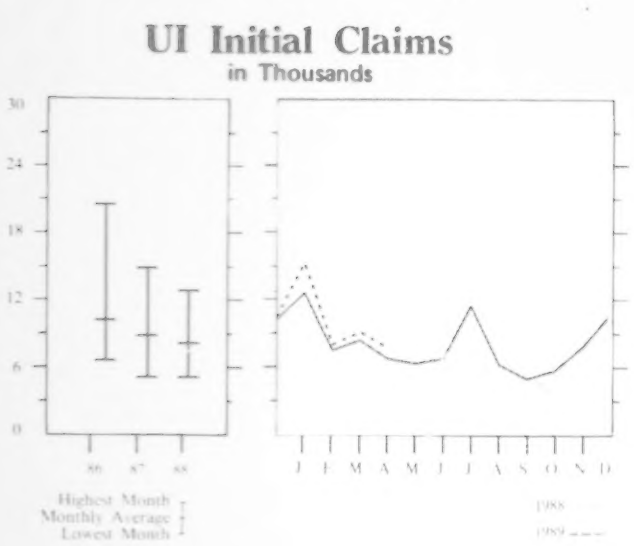
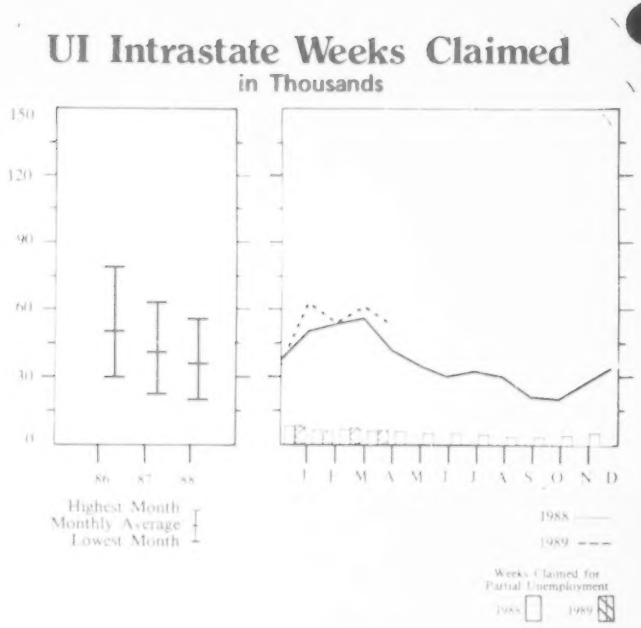
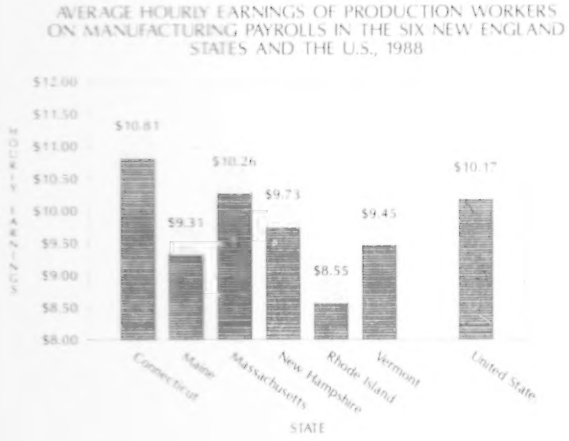
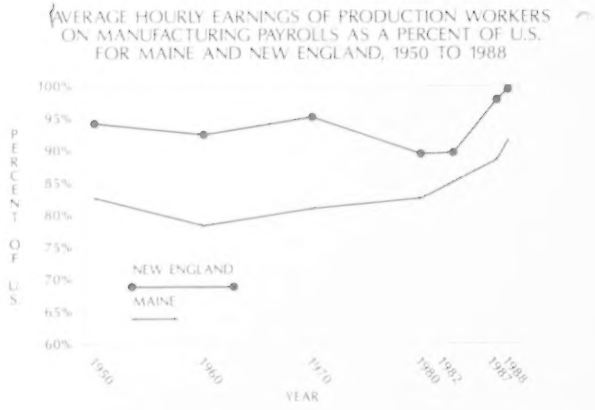








Average hourly earnings of Maine manufacturing production workers in 1988 were exceeded by earnings in all of the other New England states with the exception of Rhode Island.

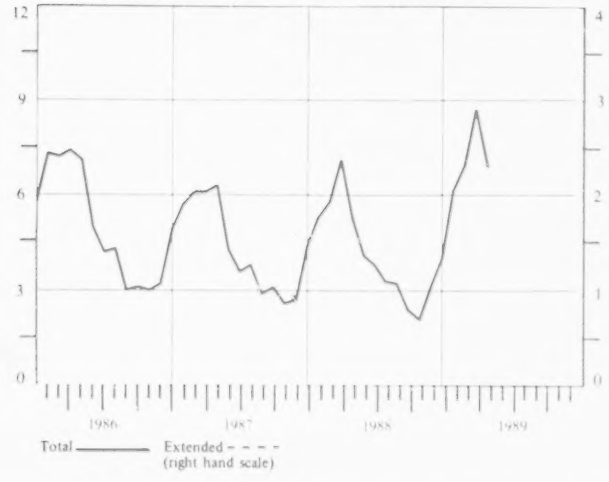
As of 1988 average hourly earnings of production workers in Maine manufacturing industries were 91.5 percent of the U.S. average, $9.31 compared to $10.17. During the last eight years, the growth of Maine wages relative to U.S. wages has been particularly substantial as Maine wages increased from 82.5 percent to 91.5 percent of the U.S. average.

Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

UI Benefit Payments
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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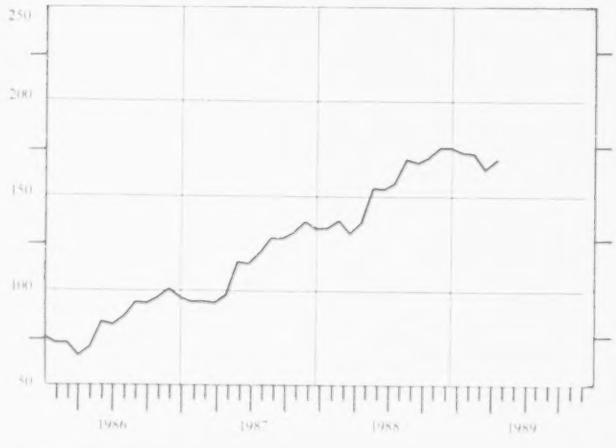
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1	518.0	515.6	510.1	131.1	129.2	126.6	40.7	40.5	40.5
Total Manufacturing	106.2	107.5	105.4	17.5	17.5	17.2	10.0	10.0	10.6
Durable Goods	49.7	50.4	48.1	8.4	8.4	8.4	2.9	2.9	3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	11.8	12.8	11.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.7	3.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.4	4.5	1.9	1.8	2.1	0.6	0.6	0.2
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10.5	10.4	10.8	3.5	3.6	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2	14.4	14.2	12.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3	4.9	4.9	4.9	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	56.5	57.1	57.3	9.1	9.1	8.8	7.1	7.1	7.6
Food and Kindred Products	6.7	6.9	6.9	1.8	1.8	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.4	6.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.1	1.1	1.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.0	3.1	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.8	17.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.6	5.5	1.7	1.8	1.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.7	3.8	3.9	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.7	1.7	2.0
Leather and Leather Products	12.4	12.4	12.6	1.3	1.3	1.4	2.1	2.1	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.5	10.5	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.9
Other Nondurable Goods 4	1.1	1.1	1.2	3.8	3.7	3.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	411.8	408.1	404.7	113.6	111.7	109.4	30.7	30.5	29.9
Construction and Mining	32.0	30.5	31.6	8.7	8.3	8.8	2.2	2.1	2.2
Building Construction	10.4	10.3	11.3	2.6	2.5	2.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Special Trades Contractor	15.3	14.8	14.8	4.8	4.6	4.8	1.4	1.4	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.4	21.0	20.5	5.1	5.0	5.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.8	25.7	24.5	10.5	10.4	10.0	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	98.3	96.9	99.7	28.5	28.1	27.1	8.1	8.1	7.7
Food Stores	17.8	17.6	18.5	4.3	4.3	4.2	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	30.7	28.6	30.2	8.1	7.7	7.8	2.4	2.4	2.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.4	25.5	25.2	11.9	11.7	12.1	2.3	2.3	2.2
Banking	8.8	8.9	8.6	3.2	3.0	3.3	1.1	0.9	1.0
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.2	10.2	10.0	5.8	5.7	5.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
Services	113.7	113.0	110.2	31.9	31.1	30.0	10.5	10.4	10.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.4	6.2	7.0	1.6	1.4	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Business Services	14.3	14.0	12.9	4.7	4.9	4.4	1.0	1.1	0.9
Health Services	42.4	42.3	41.2	10.1	10.1	10.1	4.3	4.1	4.3
Federal Government	19.1	18.9	18.5	2.2	2.2	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5	76.1	76.6	74.5	14.8	14.9	13.9	3.8	3.8	3.7
Involved in Labor Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

1. Employment [illegible] and unpaid family workers are excluded. [illegible] 25-32, 34, [illegible] whether or not [illegible]

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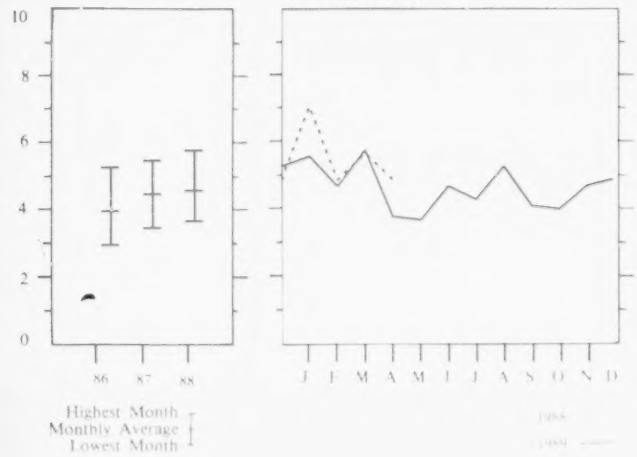
New Applications For Work

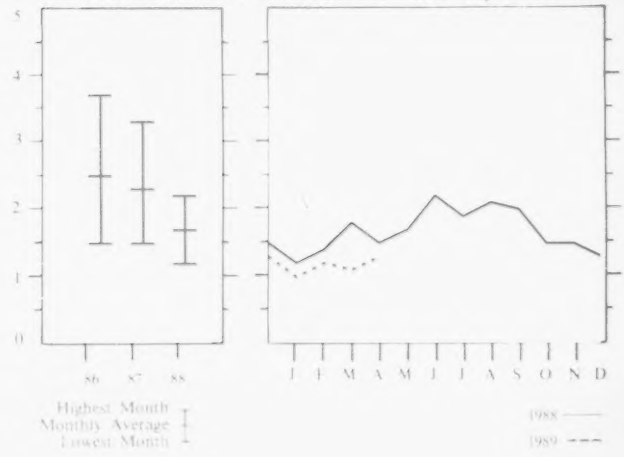
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1987	1986
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$389.54	$385.76	$375.24	40.2	40.1	41.1	$9.69	$9.62	$9.13	$9.31	$8.77	$8.65
Durable Goods	377.61	378.80	373.67	40.3	40.6	43.0	9.37	9.33	8.69	9.00	8.32	8.52
Lumber and Wood Products	338.58	354.97	319.58	40.5	40.2	40.3	8.36	8.83	7.93	8.60	7.82	7.74
Primary and Fabricated Metals	396.63	402.12	385.44	42.9	43.9	43.9	9.25	9.16	8.78	8.79	8.94	8.58
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	474.19	485.43	447.44	44.4	46.1	48.9	10.68	10.53	9.15	9.49	9.20	9.62
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	323.25	325.08	344.03	37.5	38.2	41.4	8.62	8.51	8.31	8.51	8.03	7.94
Other Durable Goods	408.24	396.73	390.44	40.5	40.4	43.0	10.08	9.82	9.08	9.31	8.60	9.41
Nondurable Goods	399.60	393.03	375.71	40.0	39.7	39.3	9.99	9.90	9.56	9.60	9.18	8.76
Food and Kindred Products	301.06	291.98	263.49	38.4	37.1	35.8	7.84	7.87	7.36	7.30	7.16	7.00
Textile Mill Products	316.41	327.89	300.92	39.8	41.4	40.5	7.95	7.92	7.43	7.66	7.35	7.04
Apparel and Other Textile Products	248.61	242.48	223.30	36.4	36.3	35.9	6.83	6.68	6.22	6.43	5.92	5.73
Paper and Allied Products	626.40	617.48	607.50	44.3	43.7	43.3	14.14	14.13	14.03	13.93	13.43	12.70
Leather and Leather Products	260.19	258.17	242.72	37.6	37.8	37.0	6.92	6.83	6.56	6.59	6.34	6.05
Other Nondurable Goods	343.07	326.14	326.42	37.7	36.4	38.0	9.10	8.96	8.59	8.62	8.28	8.00
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	404.71	413.83	380.55	39.6	40.1	40.7	10.22	10.32	9.35	9.58	9.13	9.17
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	317.91	318.80	317.95	39.2	39.8	40.4	8.11	8.01	7.87	8.08	7.40	7.19

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	279.0	277.6	271.2
Unemployed	11.0	12.4	9.9
(Percent)	3.9%	4.5%	3.6%
Resident Employed	268.0	265.2	261.3

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	123.1	122.3	117.1	120.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.7%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+5.1%

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

In Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	599.1	590.4	590.9	573.3	565.4	565.4	25.8	25.0	25.4	4.3	4.2	4.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	45,400	44,900	44,000	44,100	43,500	42,600	1,300	1,400	1,400	2.9	3.1	3.2
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,800	41,700	41,700	39,700	39,500	39,900	2,100	2,200	1,800	5.0	5.3	4.3
Portland MSA	129,600	128,200	126,000	126,700	125,200	123,600	2,900	3,000	2,400	2.2	2.3	1.9
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	133,200	130,400	n/a	130,000	128,000	n/a	3,100	2,400	n/a	2.4	1.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,870	34,340	34,210	33,780	33,150	32,800	1,090	1,190	1,410	3.1	3.5	4.1
Bath-Brunswick	29,290	28,940	28,280	28,600	28,080	27,550	690	860	730	2.4	3.0	2.6
Belfast	11,340	10,830	11,610	10,310	9,900	10,410	1,030	930	1,200	9.1	8.6	10.3
Biddeford	28,060	27,370	27,320	27,120	26,460	26,530	940	910	790	3.4	3.3	2.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	13,770	13,250	13,360	13,310	12,600	12,990	460	650	370	3.3	4.9	2.8
Calais-Eastport	14,080	13,610	14,110	12,430	12,270	12,330	1,650	1,340	1,780	11.7	9.8	12.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,230	19,920	20,400	18,860	18,710	18,710	1,370	1,210	1,690	6.8	6.1	8.3
Central Penobscot	2,910	3,030	2,600	2,740	2,880	2,450	170	150	150	5.8	5.0	5.8
Dover-Foxcroft	7,130	7,060	6,990	6,650	6,710	6,690	480	350	300	6.7	5.0	4.3
Ellsworth	22,580	21,470	22,650	21,340	20,270	21,490	1,240	1,200	1,160	5.5	5.6	5.1
Farmington	12,890	12,850	12,810	12,120	12,260	12,040	770	590	770	6.0	4.6	6.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,920	4,970	4,900	4,370	4,650	4,280	550	320	620	11.2	6.4	12.7
Greenville	1,230	1,290	1,170	1,060	1,220	1,060	170	70	110	13.8	5.4	9.4
Houlton	6,150	5,970	6,040	5,710	5,690	5,630	440	280	410	7.2	4.7	6.8
Kittery-York 3/	29,620	29,570	29,430	29,210	29,030	29,080	410	540	350	1.4	1.8	1.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,320	5,340	5,140	4,810	5,010	4,650	510	330	490	9.6	6.2	9.5
Livermore Falls	4,180	4,050	4,200	3,960	3,800	3,950	220	250	250	5.3	6.2	6.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,720	3,580	3,700	3,390	3,330	3,280	330	250	420	8.9	7.0	11.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,070	4,010	4,150	3,760	3,810	3,910	310	200	240	7.6	5.0	5.8
Norway-Paris	11,750	11,640	11,990	11,080	10,970	11,520	670	670	470	5.7	5.8	3.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,450	2,460	2,320	2,110	2,220	2,070	340	240	250	13.9	9.8	10.8
Rockland	17,920	17,540	18,180	17,100	16,630	17,510	820	910	670	4.6	5.2	3.7
Rumford	8,280	8,310	8,410	7,610	7,710	7,680	670	600	730	8.1	7.2	8.7
Sanford	16,200	16,140	16,110	15,520	15,330	15,570	680	810	540	4.2	5.0	3.4
Sebago Lakes Region	12,260	11,940	11,830	11,830	11,430	11,510	430	510	320	3.5	4.3	2.7
Skowhegan	21,760	21,300	21,960	20,220	19,910	20,230	1,540	1,390	1,730	7.1	6.5	7.9
Southwest Penobscot	11,100	11,010	10,880	10,480	10,340	10,210	620	670	670	5.6	6.1	6.2
Waterville	24,340	23,840	24,380	23,400	22,920	23,200	940	920	1,180	3.9	3.9	4.8
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,780.5	1,756.9	1,754.0	1,729.3	1,703.5	1,709.0	51.2	53.4	44.9	2.9	3.0	2.6
Massachusetts	3,178.4	3,156.0	3,132.7	3,060.6	3,028.0	3,041.2	117.8	128.0	91.5	3.7	4.1	2.9
New Hampshire	n/a	610.4	595.5	n/a	593.7	580.4	n/a	16.7	15.1	n/a	2.7	2.5
Rhode Island	536.1	534.4	518.6	514.0	511.5	501.2	22.1	22.9	17.4	4.1	4.3	3.4
Vermont	301.5	306.4	292.6	288.7	294.8	283.7	12.8	11.6	8.9	4.2	3.8	3.1
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,954.5	6,884.3	n/a	6,696.9	6,680.9	n/a	257.6	203.2	n/a	3.7	3.0
UNITED STATES	122,576	122,223	120,264	116,347	115,844	113,905	6,229	6,378	6,339	5.1	5.2	5.3

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

Footnotes

1. Labor force, unemployment and employment data for the labor market areas are benchmarked to annual averages of monthly estimates of the civilian labor force, unemployment and employment for the state as a whole.
2. Current figures preliminary.
3. Kittery-York is the only Maine labor market area that is entirely or partially in another state.

THESE DATA ARE PREPARED BY THE MAINE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants*	11,247	12,413	9,073	1,097	1,348	744	904	1,116	656

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Maine Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

In Thousands

ITEM	1989 1st Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	Net Change to Current Quarter From: Previous Quarter	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	515.5	530.3	500.2	-15.0	+15.3
Total Manufacturing	108.3	117.1	106.9	-1.8	+1.4
Durable Goods	51.2	52.8	49.1	-1.4	+2.1
Lumber and Wood Products	13.3	13.8	13.5	-0.5	-0.2
Furniture and Clay and Metal	3.7	3.6	3.4	+0.1	+0.3
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.7	4.4	-0.3	0.0
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10.8	11.2	10.9	-0.4	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	14.3	14.0	12.0	+0.3	+2.1
Other Durable Goods	4.9	5.3	4.7	-0.4	+0.2
Nondurable Goods	57.1	57.3	57.8	-0.2	-0.7
Food and Kindred Products	7.1	7.4	7.3	-0.3	-0.2
Textile Mill Products	6.3	6.0	6.6	+0.3	-0.3
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.0	3.1	3.2	-0.1	-0.2
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	17.8	17.6	0.0	+0.2
Printing and Publishing	3.7	3.6	3.6	+0.1	+0.1
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.0	-0.1
Leather and Leather Products	12.3	12.6	12.6	-0.3	-0.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	10.5	10.7	10.7	-0.2	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	1.2	1.9	+0.1	+0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	407.2	420.4	393.3	-13.2	+13.9
Construction and Mining	31.1	36.0	29.6	-4.9	+1.5
Banking Corporations	10.7	12.4	10.8	-1.7	-0.1
Sale at Trade Companies	13.0	16.8	13.4	-3.8	-0.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.7	21.3	20.2	+0.5	+1.5
Wholesale Trade	25.6	25.3	24.3	+0.3	+1.3
Retail Trade	97.6	103.4	96.4	-6.0	+1.2
Food Store	18.0	18.3	17.3	-0.3	+0.7
Eating and Drinking Place	28.3	29.6	27.3	-1.4	+1.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.5	25.5	24.8	0.0	+0.7
Banking	8.9	8.9	8.5	0.0	+0.4
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.2	10.1	10.1	+0.1	+0.1
Services	122.8	113.3	107.2	+0.5	+5.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Place	8.0	7.8	8.8	+1.8	+0.2
Business Service	13.6	13.6	12.5	+0.2	+1.3
Health Service	42.5	42.3	41.1	+0.2	+1.4
Federal Government	18.8	18.9	18.4	-0.1	+0.4
State and Local Government	75.0	76.3	73.5	-1.3	+1.5
Not Shown in Labor Management Program	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	-1.8

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Unemployment Insurance Quality Control

The Maine Department of Labor operates a Quality Control Program which audits the payment of unemployment compensation benefits to determine the accuracy of those payments. Each week eight payments are randomly selected as an audit sample, and approximately 20 hours are devoted to reviewing every aspect of a single payment. The investigators interview the claimant and his or her last employer, audit all payroll records which affect the claim, verify documentation relative to issues such as pension receipt and dependency allowance, and conduct in-person interviews with each employer that the claimant listed as a work search contact.

The vast majority of benefit overpayments was related to work search issues. The Employment Security Law requires that an individual be actively seeking work to qualify for unemployment compensation, and claimants list their work search contacts on their weekly claim forms. An overpayment is established by the Quality Control Unit when an investigator determines that the individual did not make an adequate search for work, did not contact one or more of the employers listed, or did not contact them during the week being audited. During CY1988, 60 percent of the work search related overpayments involved fraud, and these accounted for nearly all of the fraud determinations made by the Quality Control Unit.

Summary of Quality Control Investigations, CY1988

ITEM	NUMBER OF PAYMENTS	DOLLARS PAID
Population	369,726	$48,222,382
Sample	445	58,407

ITEM	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS	95% CONFIDENCE INTERVAL(+/-)
Proper Payments	80.8%	3.8%
Overpayments	19.2	3.8
Underpayments	0.8	0.5

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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

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The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Governor Named Vice-Chair of JAG's Board

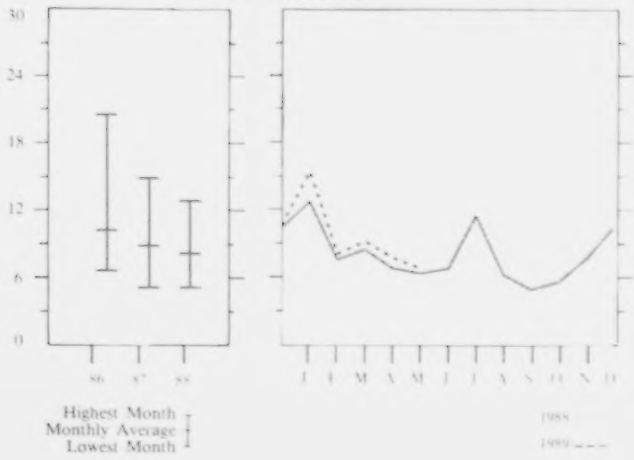
(L to r.)Governor McKernan, JMG graduates Joanne Wakelin and Larry Faulkner of Houlton, Senator Robb

Senator Charles Robb of Virginia, Chairman of the Board of Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) was in Augusta recently to name Governor John R. McKernan, Jr. as Vice-Chair of the organization. Prior to the press conference where the announcement was made, the Governor, Sen. Robb, job training officials, members of the Private Industry Council, and Commissioners Bither and Fitzsimmons met to discuss the Jobs for Maine Graduates Program (JMG) which had a successful beginning over the past school year and will be expanded in the coming academic year.

Joanne offers Sen. Robb a basket of Maine-made products

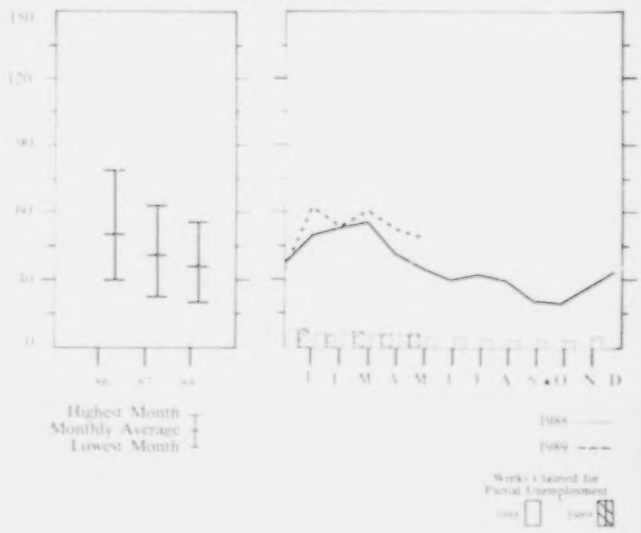
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

in Thousands



Implications of Lack of Child Care

There is increasing evidence that a large proportion of two-parent families attempt to undertake all child care within the home by the parents themselves. Parents adopting this plan work shifts which overlap as little as possible and then assume care for the children during the working shift of the other parents. Estimates put this percentage as high as 25% of two-parent low-to-middle income families with preschool children. Such parents then face regular work days which include a full shift on the job, transportation time, and a full shift, alone, as the responsible person with children. Working parents undertaking this plan report fatigue, difficulties in family communication, and considerable stress when such occurrences as parental illness prevent the plan from operating.

Frequently, under the pressure of costs and child care shortages, a working parent must arrange for several different types of child care, a "patchwork quilt arrangement." Unable to find or afford appropriate care, parents piece together such arrangements as a nursery program in the morning coupled with care in a neighbor's house in the afternoon. Then, further planning is required to arrange to transport children from one program to another or to provide backup when a child or care giver is sick. One study of working mothers reported in 1984 that "some parents made use of as many as six child care arrangements in one week. These have been termed child care 'packages.' If one piece is out of place, often the whole package falls apart."

Parents with constant concerns for their children's well-being are often not achieving their full potential as employees. A carefully planned child care assistance program, while enabling parents to manage family and work responsibilities, allows employees to improve productivity as well.

See next month's issue for an announcement of an important conference about child care and small businesses upcoming in September.

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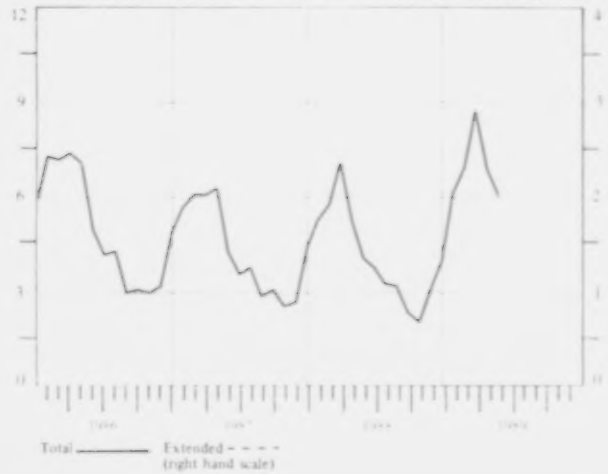
Selected Employment Security Activities

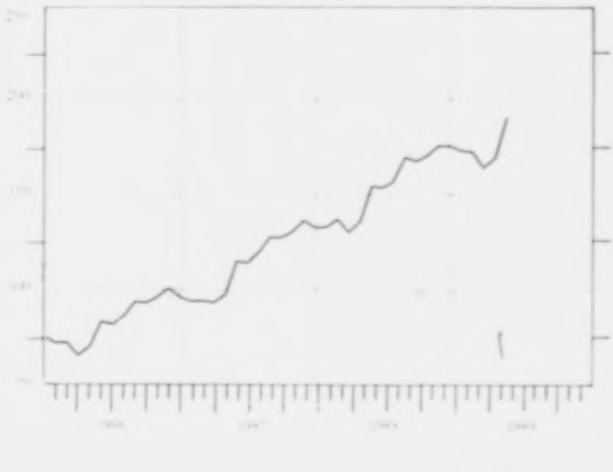
UI Benefit Payments
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON AUBURN MSA		
	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1	524.5	517.8	518.6	133.2	131.1	127.5	41.2	40.7	41.1
Total Manufacturing	105.6	106.2	106.1	17.4	17.5	17.2	10.1	10.0	10.6
Durable Goods	49.1	49.7	48.7	8.4	8.4	8.4	2.9	2.9	3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	11.9	12.1	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.3	4.4	4.5	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.6	0.6	0.2
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10.3	10.5	10.9	3.4	3.5	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2	14.4	14.4	12.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3	5.0	4.9	5.0	1.8	1.8	1.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	56.5	56.5	57.5	9.0	9.1	8.8	7.2	7.1	7.6
Food and Kindred Products	6.4	6.7	6.8	1.8	1.8	2.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.4	6.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.1	1.1	1.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.0	3.0	3.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.7	17.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.5	5.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.8	1.7	2.0
Leather and Leather Products	12.4	12.4	12.6	1.3	1.3	1.4	2.1	2.1	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.5	10.5	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.9
Other Nondurable Goods 4	1.2	1.0	1.2	3.8	3.8	3.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	418.9	411.6	412.5	115.8	113.6	110.3	31.1	30.7	30.5
Construction and Mining	34.3	32.0	35.0	9.3	8.7	9.1	2.2	2.2	2.4
Building Construction	11.1	10.4	12.3	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Special Trade Contractors	16.5	15.3	16.2	5.2	4.8	4.9	1.5	1.4	1.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.6	21.3	20.8	5.3	5.1	5.5	1.4	1.4	1.5
Wholesale Trade	25.9	25.8	24.5	10.4	10.5	10.1	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	101.3	98.2	103.5	29.1	28.5	27.5	8.3	8.1	7.9
Food Stores	16.2	17.8	18.9	4.4	4.3	4.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	33.3	30.7	33.3	8.6	8.1	8.1	2.5	2.4	2.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.4	25.4	25.3	12.0	11.9	12.2	2.3	2.3	2.2
Banking	8.8	8.8	8.7	3.2	3.2	3.3	1.1	1.1	1.0
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.2	10.2	10.0	5.8	5.8	5.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
Services	115.2	113.7	112.4	32.7	31.9	30.5	10.8	10.5	10.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	7.7	6.4	8.3	1.9	1.6	1.8	0.3	0.2	0.3
Business Services	14.3	14.3	13.3	4.8	4.7	4.4	1.0	1.0	0.9
Health Services	42.6	42.4	41.6	10.1	10.1	10.1	4.4	4.3	4.3
Federal Government	19.1	19.1	18.5	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5	76.1	76.1	72.5	14.8	14.8	13.3	3.7	3.8	3.7
Involved in Labor Management Dispute	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

1. Employment covers full- and part-time employees who receive pay during the month which includes the 12th day. Excluded are proprietors, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, domestic workers, and persons employed in private households. Employees on strike for the entire month are excluded, those on strike for part of the month are included.

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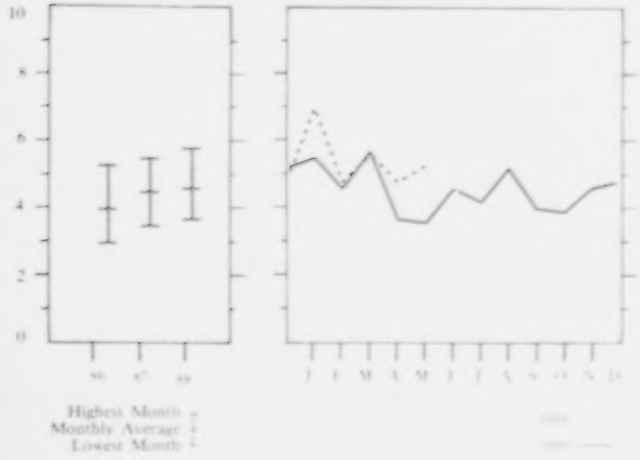
New Applications For Work

in Thousands



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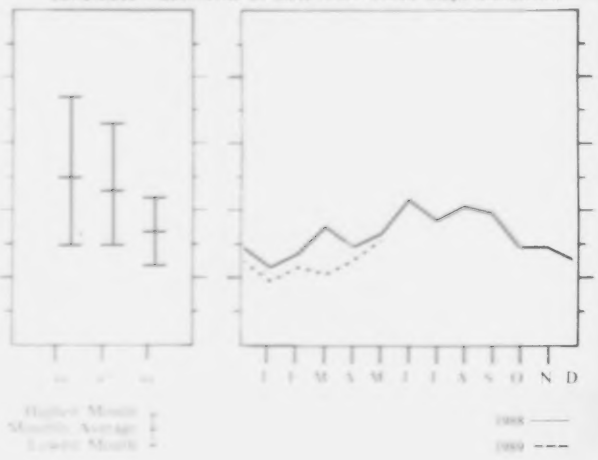
Monthly Average
Lowest Month

Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Highest Month
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Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND (SUB-AREA)	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Latest Month	Prior Month	Year Ago	Latest Month	Prior Month	Year Ago	Latest Month	Prior Month	Year Ago	1988	1987	1986
STATEWIDE	$392.35	$389.54	$391.61	40.2	40.2	41.3	$9.76	$9.69	$9.24	$9.31	$8.77	$8.65
Manufacturing	377.34	377.61	368.93	40.4	40.3	42.3	9.34	9.37	8.74	9.00	8.32	8.52
Durable Goods	329.06	338.58	321.12	39.6	40.5	40.7	8.31	8.36	7.89	8.60	7.92	7.74
Lumber and Wood Products	393.89	396.83	387.18	43.0	42.9	44.3	9.16	9.25	8.74	8.79	8.44	8.58
Primary and Fabricated Metals	487.76	474.19	444.03	45.5	44.4	47.9	10.72	10.68	9.27	9.49	9.20	9.62
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	331.63	323.25	332.37	37.6	37.5	39.9	8.82	8.62	8.33	8.51	8.03	7.94
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	406.31	408.24	384.56	41.0	40.5	41.8	9.91	10.08	9.20	9.31	8.60	9.41
Other Durable Goods	407.02	399.60	393.09	40.1	40.0	40.4	10.15	9.99	9.73	9.60	9.18	8.76
Nondurable Goods	340.35	301.06	286.81	39.9	38.4	37.2	8.53	7.84	7.71	7.30	7.16	7.00
Food and Kindred Products	323.19	316.41	301.38	40.5	39.8	40.4	7.98	7.95	7.46	7.66	7.35	7.04
Textile Mill Products	252.01	248.61	221.76	32.9	36.4	35.2	7.66	6.83	6.30	6.43	5.92	5.73
Apparel and Other Textile Products	629.59	626.40	646.24	44.4	44.3	45.8	14.18	14.14	14.11	13.93	13.43	12.70
Paper and Allied Products	259.56	260.19	246.50	37.4	37.6	37.2	6.94	6.92	6.68	6.59	6.34	6.05
Leather and Leather Products	336.75	343.07	338.45	37.5	37.7	39.4	8.98	9.10	8.59	8.62	8.28	8.00
Other Nondurable Goods												
PORTLAND MSA	411.20	404.71	394.15	40.0	39.6	41.1	10.28	10.22	9.59	9.58	9.13	9.17
Manufacturing												
LEWISTON AUBURN MSA	319.45	317.91	330.76	39.1	39.2	41.5	8.17	8.11	7.97	8.08	7.40	7.19
Manufacturing												

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	Latest Month 1/	Prior Month 2/	Year Ago
Labor Force	270.3	270.0	270.2
Unemployed	8.3	11.8	11.2
(Percent)	3.1%	4.3%	4.1%
Resident Employed	262.0	258.3	262.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	Latest Month	Prior Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
1967=100 (1982-84=100 Beginning in 1988)	123.8	123.1	117.5	120.5
Percent Change from Prior Month			+0.6%	
Percent Change from Last Dec.			+2.7%	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago			+5.4%	

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Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	601.5	599.1	591.0	578.5	573.2	569.5	23.0	25.9	21.6	3.8	4.3	3.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	44,600	45,400	43,000	43,500	44,100	41,900	1,100	1,300	1,100	2.5	2.9	2.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,400	41,800	41,800	39,400	39,700	40,200	2,000	2,100	1,600	4.8	5.0	3.8
Portland MSA	128,900	129,600	126,200	126,400	126,700	123,700	2,500	2,900	2,500	1.9	2.2	2.0
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	133,100	133,600	n/a	130,400	131,400	n/a	2,600	2,200	n/a	2.0	1.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,950	34,880	33,690	33,980	33,790	32,700	970	1,090	990	2.8	3.1	2.9
Bath-Brunswick	29,790	29,310	28,220	29,040	28,600	27,530	750	710	690	2.5	2.4	2.4
Belfast	11,570	11,340	11,480	10,580	10,310	10,560	990	1,030	920	8.6	9.1	8.0
Biddeford	28,740	28,080	27,520	28,020	27,120	26,880	720	960	640	2.5	3.4	2.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	14,560	13,780	14,200	14,230	13,310	13,890	330	470	310	2.3	3.4	2.2
Calais-Eastport	14,100	14,110	14,300	12,570	12,440	12,670	1,530	1,670	1,630	10.9	11.8	11.4
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,310	20,230	20,480	18,850	18,860	19,080	1,460	1,370	1,400	7.2	6.8	6.8
Central Penobscot	3,080	2,910	2,730	2,870	2,740	2,630	210	170	100	6.8	5.8	3.7
Dover-Foxcroft	7,150	7,130	7,040	6,780	6,650	6,780	370	480	260	5.2	6.7	3.7
Ellsworth	23,730	22,590	23,320	22,690	21,340	22,130	1,040	1,250	1,190	4.4	5.5	5.1
Farmington	12,290	12,910	12,160	11,510	12,120	11,520	780	790	640	6.3	6.1	5.3
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,880	4,930	5,080	4,400	4,370	4,410	480	560	670	9.8	11.4	13.2
Greenville	1,250	1,230	1,270	1,140	1,060	1,190	110	170	80	8.8	13.8	6.3
Houlton	6,240	6,160	6,180	5,840	5,720	5,780	400	440	400	6.4	7.1	6.5
Kittery-York 3/	29,480	29,550	29,850	29,150	29,140	29,590	330	410	260	1.1	1.4	0.9
Lincoln-Howland	5,320	5,320	5,050	4,940	4,810	4,760	380	510	290	7.1	9.6	5.7
Livermore Falls	4,280	4,190	4,210	4,090	3,960	4,010	190	230	200	4.4	5.5	4.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,730	3,720	3,760	3,460	3,390	3,370	270	330	390	7.2	8.9	10.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,030	4,080	4,140	3,770	3,760	3,960	260	320	180	6.5	7.8	4.3
Norway-Paris	12,000	11,770	11,900	11,460	11,090	11,530	540	680	370	4.5	5.8	3.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,420	2,450	2,390	2,140	2,110	2,130	280	340	260	11.6	13.9	10.9
Rockland	18,180	17,910	18,410	17,390	17,100	17,730	790	810	680	4.3	4.5	3.7
Rumford	8,430	8,290	8,010	7,800	7,610	7,420	630	680	590	7.5	8.2	7.4
Sanford	16,130	16,210	15,960	15,580	15,520	15,470	550	690	490	3.4	4.3	3.1
Sebago Lakes Region	12,820	12,260	12,120	12,380	11,830	11,800	440	430	320	3.4	3.5	2.6
Skowhegan	21,910	21,770	21,910	20,520	20,220	20,680	1,390	1,550	1,230	6.3	7.1	5.6
Southwest Penobscot	11,220	11,100	10,640	10,670	10,480	10,190	550	620	450	4.9	5.6	4.2
Waterville	24,110	24,340	24,130	23,370	23,400	23,370	740	940	760	3.1	3.9	3.1
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,782.2	1,780.0	1,772.8	1,730.5	1,728.7	1,730.0	51.7	51.3	42.8	2.9	2.9	2.4
Massachusetts	3,170.0	3,178.4	3,103.1	3,062.0	3,060.6	3,019.3	108.0	117.8	83.7	3.4	3.7	2.7
New Hampshire	n/a	606.8	601.0	n/a	590.1	587.2	n/a	16.6	13.8	n/a	2.7	2.3
Rhode Island	534.3	536.4	522.8	512.0	514.3	506.3	22.3	22.1	16.5	4.2	4.1	3.2
Vermont	303.8	301.5	294.6	292.9	288.7	287.0	10.8	12.8	7.6	3.6	4.2	2.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	7,002.2	6,885.3	n/a	6,755.6	6,699.3	n/a	246.5	186.0	n/a	3.5	2.7
UNITED STATES	123,196	122,576	120,775	117,039	116,347	114,222	6,156	6,229	6,553	5.0	5.1	5.4

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

Footnotes

1. Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for cities are developed by special procedures and do not add to county totals. Data for all areas have been benchmarked to mid-range level data from the current Population Survey estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Methods employed in the development and unemployment data are described in the publication, Maine Labor Force Estimates.
2. Current figures preliminary and subject to revision.
3. Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which straddles the Maine-New Hampshire border.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants*	8,831	11,500	6,470	880	1,110	651	819	931	531

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Maine Personal Income Recorded Substantial Growth Between 1986 and 1987

Between 1986 and 1987 employment in Maine increased by 26,000, the largest over-the-year gain of the 1980s. Reflecting this strong employment growth, personal income also rose significantly.

Per Capita Personal Income

In 1987, Maine had a Per Capita Personal Income (PCPI) of $13,971. This PCPI ranked 32nd in the United States and was 90 percent of the national average ($15,484). The 1987 PCPI reflected an increase of 8.6 percent from 1986. The 1986-87 national change was 6.0 percent.

Total Personal Income

In 1987, Maine had a Total Personal Income (TPI) of $16,583,612,000. This TPI ranked 40th in the United States and accounted for 0.4 percent of the national total. The 1987 TPI reflected an increase of 9.9 percent from 1986. The 1986-87 national change was 7.0 percent.

Components of Total Personal Income

Total Personal Income (TPI) includes the earnings (wages and salaries, other labor income, and proprietors' income); dividends, interest, and rent; and transfer payments received by the residents of Maine. In 1987, earnings were 67.2 percent of TPI; dividends, interest, and rent were 16.1 percent; and transfer payments were 16.7 percent. From 1986 to 1987, earnings increased 11.5 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 9.0 percent; and transfer payments increased 4.6 percent.

Earnings By Industry

Earnings of persons employed in Maine increased from $10,561,116,000 in 1986 to $11,766,620,000 in 1987, an increase of 11.4 percent. The largest industries in 1987 were services, which accounted for 21.0 percent of earnings; non-durable goods manufacturing, 11.8 percent; retail trade, 11.6 percent; and state and local government, 10.6 percent. Of the industries that accounted for at least 5 percent of earnings in 1987, the slowest growing from 1986 to 1987 was non-durable goods manufacturing, which increased 2.1 percent; the fastest was construction (9.0 percent of earnings in 1987), which increased 23.0 percent.

For more information contact: Division of Economic Analysis & Research ☎ (207) 289-2271

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The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

"Quality Child Care Makes Good Business Sense"

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), in cooperation with the Small Business Development Center of the University of Southern Maine, and other Federal and State agencies, including the Maine Department of Labor, will hold a one-day conference, entitled "Quality Child Care Makes Good Business Sense," at the Bangor Civic Center on September 21, 1989. The purpose of the conference is to make business leaders and economic developers aware of child care benefits, options, and resources available while dealing with Maine's labor shortage.

"In today's society, the traditional family model - one parent at work while the other stays home to care for the children - has become the exception rather than the rule," states Susan S. Engeleither, Administrator for the SBA.

The conference will address the following topics:

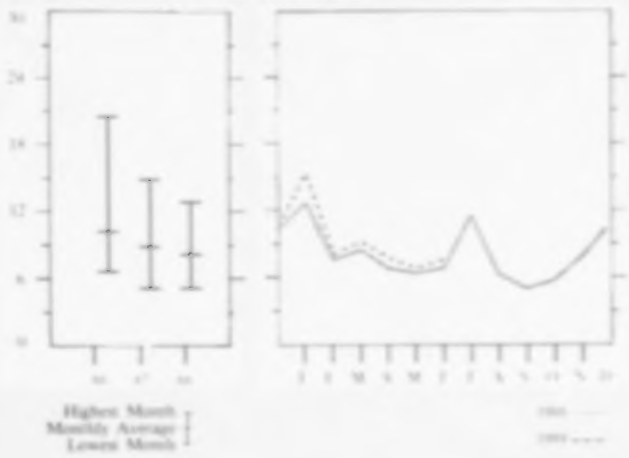
1. The labor shortage in Maine and the changing working family of the 1990s.
2. Recruiting and retaining skilled workers.
3. Minimizing costs of your present workforce.
4. How to assess your company's child care needs: what are your options?
5. Customizing child care alternatives for small businesses.
6. Recognizing the need for child care - expense or opportunity? Panel discussion with companies currently offering successful child care programs.
7. How to identify quality child care programs.
8. The tax benefits and liabilities related to child care.

For additional information about this conference, please contact Thomas R. Heels at the SBA in Augusta, 622-8242, or Tiffany Wood at the Small Business Development Center, 780-4420.

QUALITY CHILD CARE MAKES GOOD BUSINESS SENSE
September 21, 1989 *Bangor Civic Center*

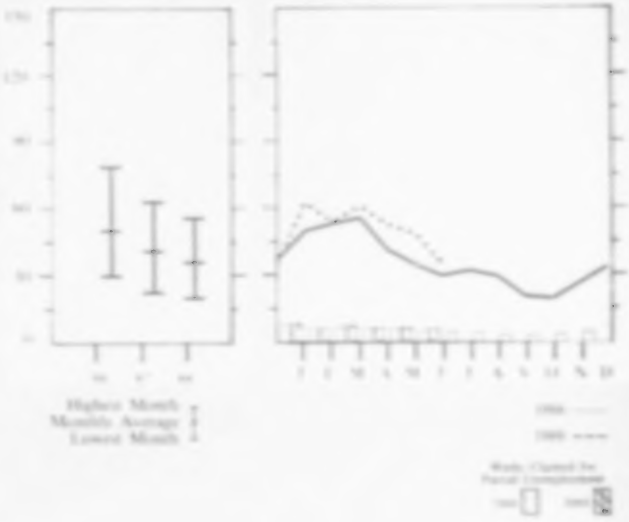
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

in Thousands



Maine Department of Labor Releases 1988 Nonmanufacturing Wage Survey

Labor Commissioner John Fitzsimmons recently announced the release of the 1988 Maine Occupational Wages in Selected Nonmanufacturing Industries. This publication, developed by the Division of Economic Analysis and Research, is based on the most comprehensive nonmanufacturing wage survey ever produced by the Department. The survey was funded in part by the Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee.

There were 1,130 firms participating in the survey, providing information on 26,333 workers. Of these workers, 1,567 were in managerial occupations; 3,191 in professional, paraprofessional, and technical occupations; 4,298 in sales occupations; 6,384 in clerical occupations; 7,308 in service occupations; 184 in agriculture-related occupations; and 3,401 in production and maintenance occupations.

Low, average, median, middle range, and high salary and wage information are presented for 183 occupations in 29 industries in the following major industry groups: transportation; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services.

In order to differentiate between the prevailing wages in various areas of Maine, data are presented for the Portland, Lewiston-Auburn, and Bangor Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and York County, as well as on a statewide basis.

The information in this publication is useful to public and private agencies, economic development groups, employers, and individuals for effective planning and decision making.

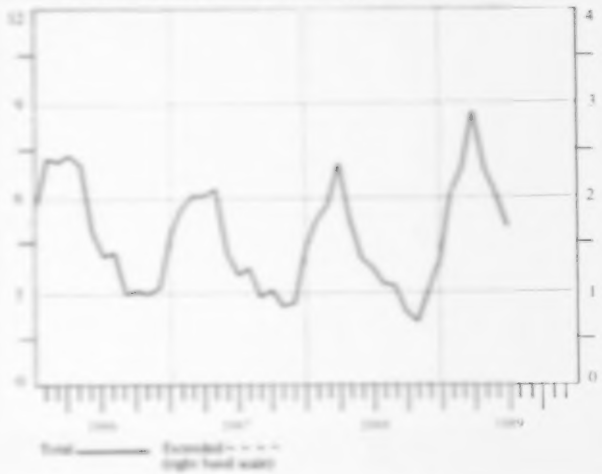
1988 Maine Occupational Wages in Selected Nonmanufacturing Industries is available for $5.00 per copy and may be obtained by contacting the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, P. O. Box 309, Augusta, ME 04332-0309, or by ☎ (207) 289-2271.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

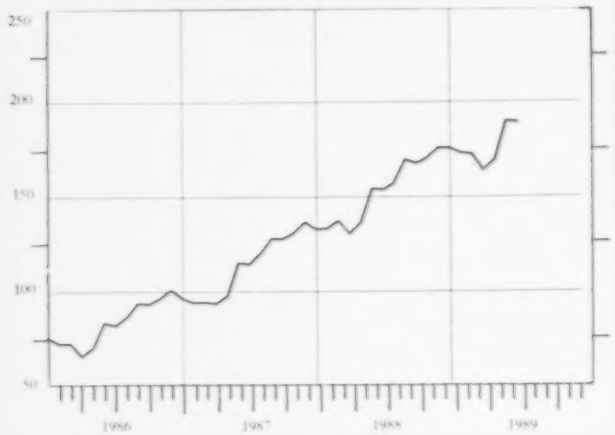
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1	524.7	530.9		136.7	133.2	130.2	41.0	41.2	40.9
Total Manufacturing	105.7	108.9		17.5	17.4	17.0	10.1	10.1	10.6
Durable Goods	49.2	50.4		8.4	8.4	8.1	2.9	2.9	3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	11.5	13.2		0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.5		0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.3	4.6		2.0	1.9	2.0	0.6	0.6	0.2
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10.3	11.1		3.2	3.4	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2	14.5	13.0		(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3	5.0	5.0		1.9	1.8	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	56.5	58.5		9.1	9.0	8.9	7.2	7.2	7.6
Food and Kindred Products	6.4	7.2		1.9	1.8	2.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.5		(d)	(d)	(d)	1.0	1.1	1.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.0	3.1		0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	18.2		(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.6		1.7	1.7	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.9		0.2	0.3	0.3	1.9	1.8	2.0
Leather and Leather Products	12.4	12.7		1.4	1.3	1.3	2.1	2.1	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.5	10.8		n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.9	1.8
Other Nondurable Goods 4	1.2	1.3		3.6	3.8	3.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	427.0	422.0		119.2	115.8	113.2	30.9	31.1	30.3
Construction and Mining	36.3	36.9		9.9	9.3	9.7	2.3	2.2	2.4
Building Construction	13.1	13.0		2.7	2.6	2.8	0.6	0.6	0.7
Special Trades Contractors	16.5	16.8		5.5	5.2	5.1	1.5	1.5	1.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.6	21.5		5.5	5.3	5.6	1.4	1.4	1.5
Wholesale Trade	25.1	24.9		10.5	10.4	10.3	2.1	2.1	2.1
Retail Trade	106.4	101.4		30.5	29.1	28.5	8.3	8.3	7.9
Food Stores	19.8	19.2		4.5	4.4	4.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	36.5	35.2		9.4	8.6	8.7	2.6	2.5	2.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.8	25.5		12.1	12.0	12.3	2.3	2.3	2.2
Banking	9.1	9.8		3.3	3.2	3.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.3	10.2		5.9	5.8	5.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
Services	118.3	116.2		34.5	32.7	31.7	10.6	10.8	10.3
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9.9	10.6		2.3	1.9	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Business Services	14.4	13.7		4.9	4.6	4.7	1.1	1.0	1.0
Health Services	42.9	42.6		10.2	10.1	10.2	4.4	4.4	4.4
Federal Government	19.2	18.1		2.2	2.2	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5	73.8	76.0		14.0	14.8	13.0	3.6	3.7	3.6
Involved in Labor Management Disputes	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

1 Employment covers full- and part-time, temporary and casual workers for the pay period including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2 Transportation equipment and ordnance are combined in the Lewiston series. 3 Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide – 25, 32, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39; Portland – 25, 32, 34, 36, 38; Lewiston – 25, 32, 34, 36, 38. 4 Includes SIC codes: Statewide – 20, 23; Portland – 22, 23, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston – 26, 29. 5 Regular teachers are included in summer months whether on unemployment benefits or not. Data not available for additional detail for publication. *Less than 50 with Nondisclosure rule.

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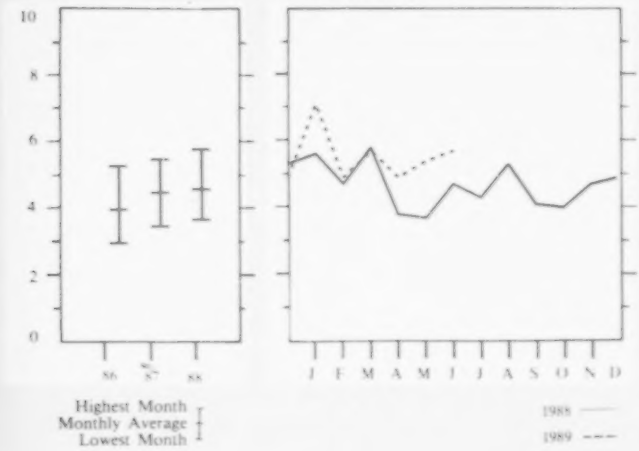
New Applications For Work

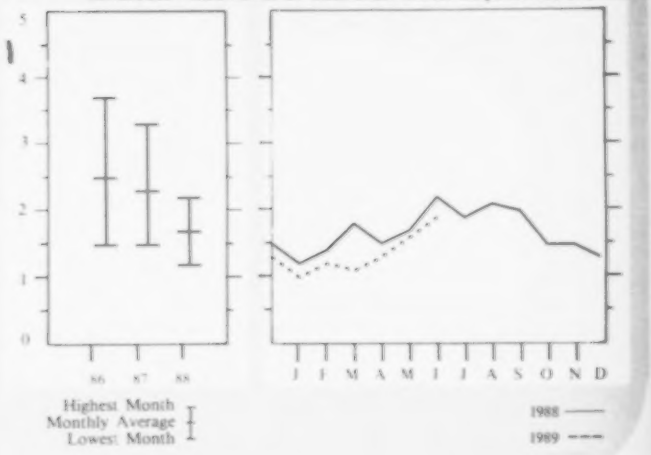
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1987	1986
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$405.90	$392.35	$379.03	41.0	40.2	40.8	$9.90	$9.76	$9.29	$9.31	$8.77	$8.65
Durable Goods	388.96	377.34	376.89	40.9	40.4	42.3	9.51	9.34	8.91	9.00	8.32	8.52
Lumber and Wood Products	358.52	329.08	328.78	41.4	39.6	39.9	8.66	8.31	8.24	8.60	7.82	7.74
Primary and Fabricated Metals	399.67	393.88	392.03	42.7	43.0	43.9	9.36	9.16	8.93	8.79	8.94	8.58
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	507.78	487.76	453.40	47.5	45.5	48.7	10.69	10.72	9.31	9.49	9.20	9.62
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	339.44	331.63	334.84	37.8	37.6	39.3	8.98	8.82	8.52	8.51	8.03	7.94
Other Durable Goods	409.65	406.31	394.32	40.6	41.0	42.4	10.09	9.91	9.30	9.31	8.60	9.41
Nondurable Goods	419.84	407.02	379.64	41.0	40.1	39.3	10.24	10.15	9.66	9.60	9.18	8.76
Food and Kindred Products	321.90	340.35	279.37	39.4	39.9	37.2	8.17	8.53	7.51	7.30	7.16	7.00
Textile Mill Products	352.80	323.19	292.30	42.1	40.5	39.5	8.38	7.98	7.40	7.66	7.35	7.04
Apparel and Other Textile Products	262.71	252.01	215.34	37.8	32.9	34.4	6.95	7.66	6.26	6.43	5.92	5.73
Paper and Allied Products	645.70	629.59	615.47	44.5	44.4	43.1	14.51	14.18	14.28	13.93	13.43	12.70
Leather and Leather Products	267.65	259.56	244.49	38.4	37.4	37.1	6.97	6.94	6.59	6.59	6.34	6.05
Other Nondurable Goods	359.60	336.75	329.72	39.3	37.5	38.7	9.15	8.98	8.52	8.62	8.28	8.00
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	413.08	411.20	386.04	40.3	40.0	41.2	10.25	10.28	9.37	9.58	9.13	9.17
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	376.55	319.45	318.00	42.5	39.1	39.9	8.86	8.17	7.97	8.08	7.40	7.19

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	272.6	270.3	286.8
Unemployed	9.6	8.3	7.9
(Percent)	3.5%	3.1%	2.8%
Resident Employed	263.0	262.0	278.9

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	124.1	123.8	118.0	120.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2%
Percent Change from Last December	+3.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+5.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	620.0	601.7	612.9	596.6	578.6	593.5	23.4	23.1	19.4	3.8	3.8	3.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	44,900	44,600	43,800	43,500	43,500	42,700	1,400	1,100	1,100	3.1	2.5	2.5
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,300	41,400	42,000	39,300	39,400	40,300	2,000	2,000	1,700	4.8	4.8	4.0
Portland MSA	133,500	128,800	129,400	130,400	126,300	127,100	3,100	2,500	2,300	2.3	1.9	1.8
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	134,400	136,800	n/a	131,700	134,500	n/a	2,700	2,400	n/a	2.0	1.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	35,860	35,030	34,950	34,790	34,060	33,980	1,070	970	970	3.0	2.8	2.8
Bath-Brunswick	30,900	29,800	29,210	30,170	29,040	28,620	730	760	590	2.4	2.6	2.0
Belfast	11,740	11,560	11,950	10,970	10,570	11,030	770	990	920	6.6	8.6	7.7
Biddeford	29,500	28,730	28,890	28,630	28,010	28,320	870	720	570	2.9	2.5	2.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	16,190	14,560	15,840	15,890	14,230	15,540	300	330	300	1.9	2.3	1.9
Calais-Eastport	14,650	14,090	14,590	13,090	12,570	13,430	1,560	1,520	1,160	10.6	10.8	8.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,480	20,320	20,780	18,920	18,850	19,350	1,560	1,470	1,430	7.6	7.2	6.9
Central Penobscot	3,240	3,090	3,080	3,110	2,870	2,990	130	220	90	4.0	7.1	2.9
Dover-Foxcroft	7,310	7,150	7,270	6,870	6,780	6,970	440	370	300	6.0	5.2	4.1
Ellsworth	25,880	23,750	25,830	25,110	22,690	25,170	770	1,060	660	3.0	4.5	2.6
Farmington	12,250	12,290	12,300	11,630	11,510	11,750	620	780	550	5.1	6.3	4.5
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,110	4,900	5,100	4,750	4,410	4,760	360	490	340	7.0	10.0	6.7
Greenville	1,410	1,250	1,380	1,320	1,140	1,350	90	110	30	6.4	8.8	2.2
Houlton	6,390	6,240	6,390	6,020	5,840	6,130	370	400	260	5.8	6.4	4.1
Kittery-York 3/	30,170	29,580	31,200	29,760	29,240	30,950	410	340	250	1.4	1.1	0.8
Lincoln-Howland	5,390	5,320	5,380	5,090	4,940	5,060	300	380	320	5.6	7.1	5.9
Livermore Falls	4,450	4,300	4,470	4,230	4,110	4,200	220	190	270	4.9	4.4	6.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,970	3,730	3,940	3,710	3,460	3,700	260	270	240	6.5	7.2	6.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,100	4,040	4,370	3,860	3,770	4,100	240	270	270	5.9	6.7	6.2
Norway-Paris	12,530	12,010	12,540	11,840	11,460	12,130	690	550	410	5.5	4.6	3.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,460	2,420	2,660	2,240	2,130	2,530	220	290	130	8.9	12.0	4.9
Rockland	19,090	18,200	19,010	18,290	17,400	18,610	800	800	400	4.2	4.4	2.1
Rumford	8,450	8,430	8,400	7,950	7,800	7,830	500	630	570	5.9	7.5	6.8
Sanford	16,440	16,130	16,490	15,890	15,570	16,030	550	560	460	3.3	3.5	2.8
Sebago Lakes Region	13,430	12,800	12,980	13,010	12,370	12,650	420	430	330	3.1	3.4	2.5
Skowhegan	22,360	21,910	22,710	21,280	20,520	21,530	1,080	1,390	1,180	4.8	6.3	5.2
Southwest Penobscot	11,640	11,210	11,200	10,950	10,660	10,770	690	550	430	5.9	4.9	3.8
Waterville	25,010	24,110	24,820	24,010	23,360	23,940	1,000	750	880	4.0	3.1	3.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,819.0	1,781.6	1,805.0	1,757.9	1,729.8	1,747.0	61.1	51.8	58.1	3.4	2.9	3.2
Massachusetts	3,223.0	3,170.0	3,211.8	3,097.0	3,062.0	3,101.8	127.0	108.0	110.0	3.9	3.4	3.4
New Hampshire	n/a	617.3	608.1	n/a	599.6	592.9	n/a	17.7	15.2	n/a	2.9	2.5
Rhode Island	532.3	534.2	524.4	512.4	511.8	508.9	19.9	22.4	15.5	3.7	4.2	3.0
Vermont	312.3	304.1	302.0	300.4	293.2	294.8	11.9	10.9	7.1	3.8	3.6	2.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	7,008.9	7,064.2	n/a	6,775.0	6,838.9	n/a	233.9	225.3	n/a	3.3	3.2
UNITED STATES	125,569	123,196	123,028	118,719	117,039	116,209	6,850	6,156	6,819	5.5	5.0	5.5

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently of each other and not necessarily benchmarked to and accumulated from the current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data include members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded to nearest hundred; detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Current figures preliminary, last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes counties from Maine and New Hampshire.

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ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants*	6,911	9,033	5,004	833	894	562	672	834	515

* Continued week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month

Maine Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

In Thousands

ITEM	1989 2nd Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	Net Change to Current Quarter From: Previous Quarter	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	525.9	515.5	519.9	+10.4	+6.0
Total Manufacturing	106.7	108.3	106.8	-1.6	-0.1
Durable Goods	49.8	51.2	49.1	-1.4	+0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	11.8	13.3	12.4	-1.5	-0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.7	3.4	-0.2	+0.2
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11.3	11.6	11.9	-0.3	-0.6
Transportation Equipment	14.7	14.3	12.8	+0.4	+1.9
Other Durable Goods	5.0	4.9	5.0	+0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	56.9	57.1	57.7	-0.2	-0.8
Food and Kindred Products	6.7	7.1	7.0	-0.4	-0.3
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.3	6.5	+0.1	-0.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.0	3.0	3.1	0.0	-0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	17.8	17.8	0.0	0.0
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.7	5.6	-0.1	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.0	-0.1
Leather and Leather Products	12.4	12.3	12.8	+0.1	-0.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.5	10.6	10.7	-0.1	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.1	1.3	+0.1	-0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	419.2	407.2	413.1	+12.0	+6.1
Construction and Mining	33.9	31.1	34.5	+2.8	-0.6
Building Construction	11.0	10.7	12.2	+0.3	-1.2
Special Trades Contractors	16.2	15.0	15.9	+1.2	+0.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.6	21.0	20.9	+0.6	+0.7
Wholesale Trade	25.9	25.6	24.6	+0.3	+1.3
Retail Trade	102.0	97.6	103.2	+4.4	-1.2
Food Stores	18.3	18.0	19.0	+0.3	-0.7
Eating and Drinking Places	33.5	29.3	32.9	+4.2	+0.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.6	25.5	25.4	+0.1	+0.2
Banking	6.9	6.9	6.8	-0.1	0.0
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.2	10.2	10.0	0.0	+0.2
Services	115.8	112.6	113.0	+3.2	+2.8
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.0	6.0	6.6	+2.0	-0.6
Business Services	14.3	13.8	13.3	+0.5	+1.0
Health Services	42.7	42.5	42.7	+0.2	+1.1
Federal Government	19.1	18.8	18.6	+0.3	+0.5
State and Local Government	75.3	75.0	72.9	+0.3	+2.4
Involved in Labor Management Dispute	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	-1.8

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The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Number of Maine Persons Working Part Time For Economic Reasons Drops

Approximately 120,000 Mainers were employed on a part-time basis during 1988. These data, as well as other labor force, employment, and unemployment data for states and major metropolitan areas, are available annually from the Current Population Survey published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Only 18 percent of the 120,000 people working part time in Maine during 1988 were working part time involuntarily, that is, for economic reasons. Economic reasons include: the inability to find full-time work; material shortages; slack work; and repairs to plant and equipment. Between 1982 and 1986 there were an average of 33,000 part-timers on less than full-time schedules for economic reasons. As unemployment rates dropped to extremely low levels, involuntary part-time employment declined. During 1987 the number of persons employed part time for economic reasons dropped to 27,000, and by 1988 there were only 22,000 involuntary part-time workers in Maine.

There are definite differences in the incidence of part-time employment between men and women. Within Maine last year, about 32 percent of all employed women were working part time compared to 10 percent of all employed men. However, 28 percent of the men working part time were doing so for economic reasons compared to 15 percent of the women working part time.

Within New England, Maine, with about 18 percent of the total part-time employed desiring work on full-time schedules, had the highest percentage of involuntary part-time workers during 1988. Connecticut recorded the lowest percentage of these workers in the region at approximately 10 percent.

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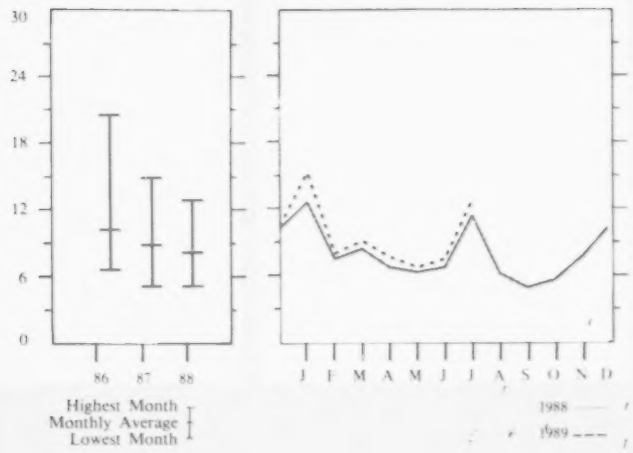
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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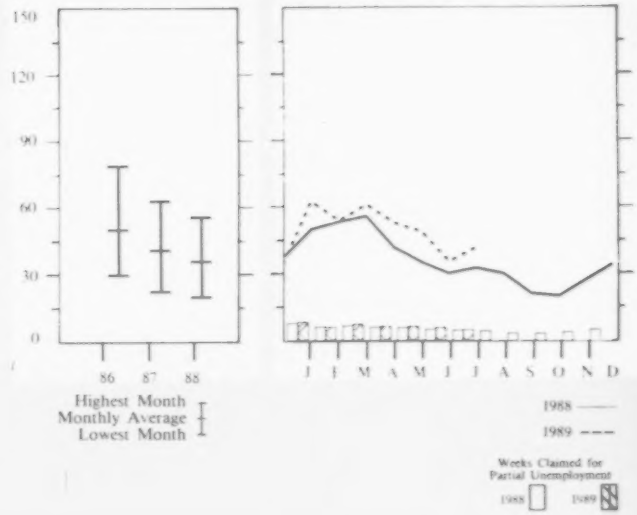


About 21 out of every 100 Maine workers are part-timers. Of these 21 part-timers, 4 are employed part time involuntarily.

Distribution of Total Employment by Full- and Part-Time Status
1988 Annual Averages, New England and the U.S.

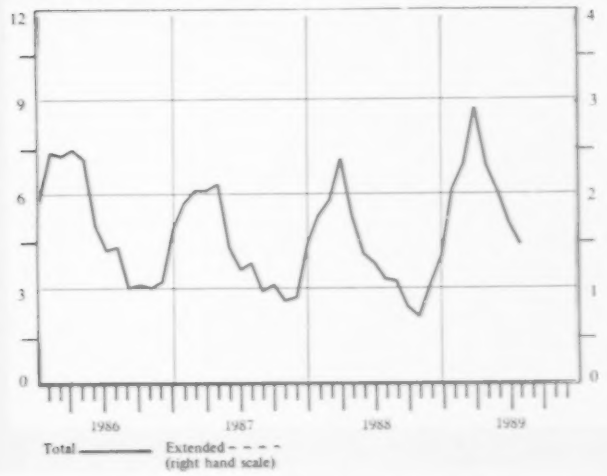
Employment Status	Mass.	Conn.	R.I.	Me.	N.H.	Vt.	N.E.	U.S.
Total Employment (000)	3,041	1,694	510	576	591	289	6,701	114,968
Full-Time Schedules (%)	79.9	80.5	79.8	79.2	83.3	81.3	80.3	81.3
Part-Time for Economic Reasons (%)	2.1	2.0	2.2	3.8	2.2	3.1	2.3	4.5
Voluntary Part-Time (%)	18.0	17.5	18.0	17.0	14.5	15.9	17.4	14.2

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, 1988, May 1989 (Washington: Government Printing Office).

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments
in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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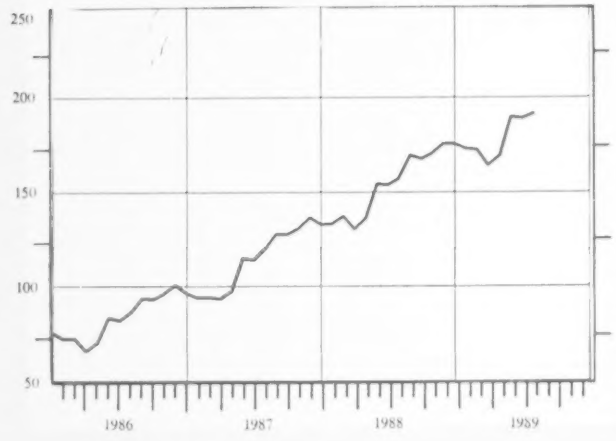

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1	531.4	534.9	526.1	136.6	136.7	130.3	39.8	41.0	39.2
Total Manufacturing	104.5	107.7	103.3	17.0	17.5	17.3	9.1	10.1	9.4
Durable Goods	49.1	50.1	50.2	8.0	8.4	8.4	2.7	2.9	3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	12.3	13.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.3	3.6	3.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.3	4.4	4.6	1.9	2.0	2.1	0.6	0.6	0.2
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10.0	10.2	10.8	3.1	3.2	3.6	(d)	0.3	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2	14.7	14.5	12.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3	4.8	5.1	4.8	1.8	1.9	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.3
Nondurable Goods	55.4	57.6	53.1	9.0	9.1	8.9	6.4	7.2	6.4
Food and Kindred Products	7.4	7.0	7.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	5.6	6.3	4.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.9	1.0	0.7
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.5	3.0	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.2	18.1	18.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.3	0.5	0.2
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.6	5.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.7	1.9	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	10.8	12.4	10.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.9	2.1	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.2	10.5	8.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.8	1.4
Other Nondurable Goods 4	1.4	1.3	1.3	3.5	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	426.9	427.2	422.8	119.6	119.2	113.0	30.7	30.9	29.8
Construction and Mining	36.3	35.5	38.2	10.0	9.9	9.8	2.5	2.3	2.6
Building Construction	12.2	11.6	13.6	2.6	2.7	2.9	0.6	0.6	0.7
Special Trades Contractor	17.2	17.0	17.0	5.7	5.5	5.2	1.7	1.5	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.1	22.0	21.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	1.4	1.4	1.5
Wholesale Trade	26.1	26.1	25.2	10.4	10.5	10.4	2.2	2.1	2.1
Retail Trade	109.5	106.4	108.0	31.2	30.5	29.1	8.3	8.3	7.9
Food Stores	19.1	19.0	19.5	4.6	4.5	4.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Eating and Drinking Places	39.1	36.5	37.0	9.9	9.4	9.2	2.7	2.6	2.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.9	25.8	25.6	12.1	12.1	12.3	2.2	2.3	2.2
Banking	9.0	9.0	9.0	3.2	3.3	3.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.3	10.3	9.9	6.1	5.9	5.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
Services	123.7	118.3	123.3	35.2	34.5	31.7	10.6	10.6	10.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	13.7	9.9	14.6	2.7	2.3	2.2	0.4	0.3	0.5
Business Services	14.7	14.5	13.9	5.1	4.9	5.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Health Services	42.7	42.9	42.5	10.1	10.2	9.9	4.4	4.4	4.3
Federal Government	19.4	19.2	18.6	2.1	2.2	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5	63.9	73.9	62.3	13.0	14.0	12.1	3.2	3.6	3.0
Involved in Labor Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1. Employment figures relate to full- and part-time, wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2. Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3. Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland 25, 32, 35, 36, 39; Lewiston 25, 35, 39. 4. Included in SIC codes: Statewide 28, 29; Portland 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston 26, 29. 5. Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a = data not available as sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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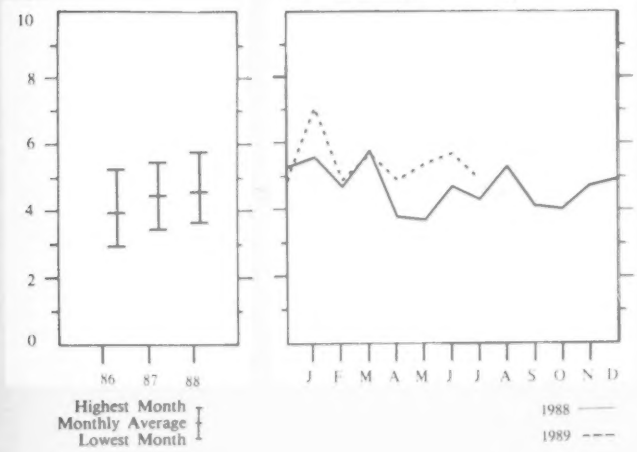
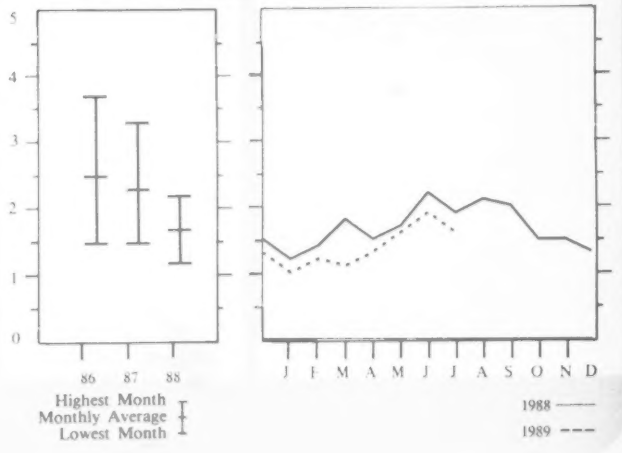


Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1987	1986
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$399.19	$405.90	$388.09	39.8	41.0	40.3	$10.03	$9.90	$9.63	$9.31	$8.77	$8.65
Durable Goods	378.85	388.96	380.05	39.3	40.9	41.4	9.64	9.51	9.18	9.00	8.32	8.52
Lumber and Wood Products	360.90	358.52	360.30	40.1	41.4	39.9	9.00	8.66	9.03	8.60	7.82	7.74
Primary and Fabricated Metals	362.35	399.67	362.15	39.3	42.7	41.2	9.22	9.36	8.79	8.79	8.94	8.58
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	469.53	507.78	459.36	42.3	47.5	48.1	11.10	10.69	9.55	9.49	9.20	9.62
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	325.08	339.44	318.42	36.0	37.8	36.6	9.03	8.98	8.70	8.51	8.03	7.94
Other Durable Goods	406.61	409.65	399.31	40.1	40.6	42.3	10.14	10.09	9.44	9.31	8.60	9.41
Nondurable Goods	416.47	419.84	394.74	40.2	41.0	39.2	10.36	10.24	10.07	9.60	9.18	8.76
Food and Kindred Products	315.22	321.90	298.75	39.6	39.4	38.9	7.96	8.17	7.68	7.30	7.16	7.00
Textile Mill Products	349.46	352.80	287.58	40.4	42.1	37.3	8.65	8.38	7.71	7.66	7.35	7.04
Apparel and Other Textile Products	238.79	262.71	196.48	35.8	37.8	32.0	6.67	6.95	6.14	6.43	5.92	5.73
Paper and Allied Products	640.25	645.70	619.92	44.4	44.5	43.2	14.42	14.51	14.35	13.93	13.43	12.70
Leather and Leather Products	248.83	267.65	247.96	36.7	38.4	37.4	6.78	6.97	6.63	6.59	6.34	6.05
Other Nondurable Goods	341.30	359.60	320.53	37.3	39.3	36.8	9.15	9.15	8.71	8.62	8.28	8.00
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	388.74	413.08	388.40	37.2	40.3	40.5	10.45	10.25	9.55	9.58	9.13	9.17
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	328.79	376.55	291.90	38.5	42.5	35.0	8.54	8.86	8.34	8.08	7.40	7.19

Female Labor Force in Maine *

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	280.0	272.6	285.5
Unemployed	12.4	9.7	9.0
(Percent)	4.4%	3.6%	3.1%
Resident Employed	267.6	262.9	276.5

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	124.4	124.1	118.5	120.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2%
Percent Change from Last December	+3.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+5.0%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

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Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	630.9	619.9	620.8	609.4	596.4	602.7	21.5	23.5	18.2	3.4	3.8	2.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	45,500	44,900	45,000	44,300	43,500	43,900	1,200	1,400	1,100	2.6	3.1	2.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,300	41,300	41,600	39,800	39,300	39,400	2,500	2,000	2,200	5.9	4.8	5.3
Portland MSA	135,600	133,400	132,000	133,400	130,300	130,300	2,200	3,100	1,700	1.6	2.3	1.3
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	138,300	136,400	n/a	134,700	133,300	n/a	3,600	3,100	n/a	2.6	2.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	37,020	35,850	35,410	35,600	34,770	34,570	1,420	1,080	840	3.8	3.0	2.4
Bath-Brunswick	30,950	30,880	29,280	30,490	30,150	38,890	460	730	390	1.5	2.4	1.3
Belfast	11,820	11,770	11,510	11,020	10,960	10,820	800	810	690	6.8	6.9	6.0
Biddeford	30,410	29,480	30,160	29,270	28,610	28,850	1,140	870	1,310	3.7	3.0	4.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	17,400	16,180	16,540	17,140	15,880	16,380	260	300	160	1.5	1.9	1.0
Calais-Eastport	14,690	14,630	14,970	13,750	13,080	14,180	940	1,550	790	6.4	10.6	5.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,280	20,490	20,660	19,250	18,910	19,700	1,030	1,580	960	5.1	7.7	4.6
Central Penobscot	3,260	3,240	3,020	3,160	3,110	2,930	100	130	90	3.1	4.0	3.0
Dover-Foxcroft	7,020	7,310	7,280	6,610	6,870	6,820	410	440	460	5.8	6.0	6.3
Ellsworth	26,950	25,880	27,420	26,470	25,100	26,950	480	780	470	1.8	3.0	1.7
Farmington	12,730	12,240	12,550	11,960	11,630	11,870	770	610	680	6.0	5.0	5.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,410	5,120	5,460	5,080	4,740	5,330	330	380	130	6.1	7.4	2.4
Greenville	1,540	1,400	1,600	1,510	1,320	1,580	30	80	20	1.9	5.7	1.3
Houlton	6,160	6,390	6,200	5,840	6,010	5,970	320	380	230	5.2	5.9	3.7
Kittery-York 3/	30,220	30,210	30,830	29,950	29,790	30,640	270	420	190	0.9	1.4	0.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,340	5,380	5,450	5,120	5,080	5,130	220	300	320	4.1	5.6	5.9
Livermore Falls	4,810	4,450	4,450	4,510	4,230	4,190	300	220	260	6.2	4.9	5.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,990	3,970	3,900	3,760	3,710	3,720	230	260	180	5.8	6.5	4.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,940	4,090	4,180	3,850	3,850	4,050	90	240	130	2.3	5.9	3.1
Norway-Paris	12,600	12,520	12,740	12,010	11,830	12,390	590	690	350	4.7	5.5	2.7
Patten-Island Falls	2,360	2,470	2,410	2,260	2,240	2,350	100	230	60	4.2	9.3	2.5
Rockland	19,190	19,080	19,110	18,510	18,280	18,820	680	800	290	3.5	4.2	1.5
Rumford	8,200	8,430	8,020	7,670	7,940	7,650	530	490	370	6.5	5.8	4.6
Sanford	16,570	16,440	17,320	15,920	15,890	16,480	650	550	840	3.9	3.3	4.8
Sebago Lakes Region	15,510	13,430	14,720	15,160	13,000	14,490	350	430	230	2.3	3.2	1.6
Skowhegan	22,610	22,350	21,560	21,030	21,270	20,260	1,580	1,080	1,300	7.0	4.8	6.0
Southwest Penobscot	11,410	11,630	10,830	10,740	10,940	9,900	670	690	930	5.9	5.9	8.6
Waterville	25,130	24,980	24,650	24,300	24,000	24,100	830	980	550	3.3	3.9	2.2
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,819.3	1,797.7	n/a	1,758.2	1,739.2	n/a	61.1	58.5	n/a	3.4	3.3
Massachusetts	3,245.0	3,223.0	3,195.5	3,097.0	3,097.0	3,080.1	148.0	127.0	115.4	4.6	3.9	3.6
New Hampshire	n/a	634.5	616.5	n/a	613.2	599.7	n/a	21.3	16.7	n/a	3.4	2.7
Rhode Island	537.7	532.2	532.7	516.6	512.1	516.5	21.1	20.1	16.2	3.9	3.8	3.0
Vermont	311.9	312.6	298.8	300.3	300.7	292.6	11.6	12.0	6.2	3.7	3.8	2.1
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	7,141.5	7,062.0	n/a	6,877.6	6,830.8	n/a	265.0	231.2	n/a	3.7	3.3
UNITED STATES	126,238	125,569	123,888	119,502	118,719	117,066	6,736	6,850	6,823	5.3	5.5	5.5

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

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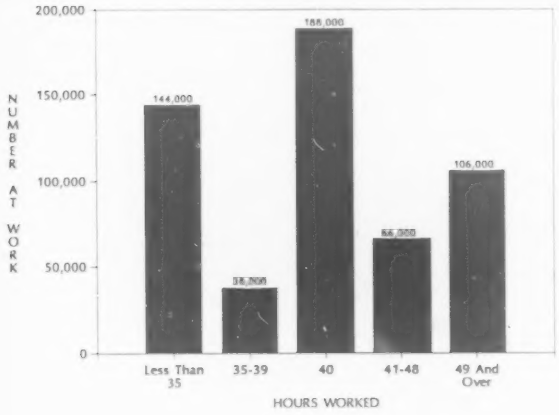
Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants*	10,695	7,183	9,243	942	866	672	1,460	701	1,319

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

CIVILIANS AT WORK BY HOURS OF WORK
MAINE, 1988 ANNUAL AVERAGES



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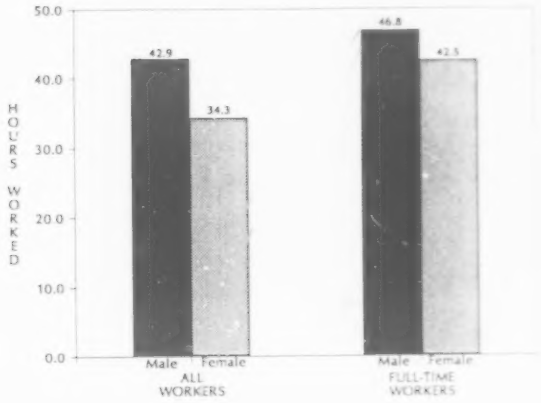

Over 30 percent of the civilians at work in Maine averaged more than 40 hours of work per week during 1988. Of those working less than 35 hours a week, over 80 percent averaged between 15 and 34 hours of work.

All Maine workers averaged 38.9 hours of work per week during 1988. Workers on full-time schedules averaged 45.1 hours per week. Females averaged fewer hours worked per week than males for all workers and for workers on full-time schedules.

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The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

IN-MIGRATION CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO POPULATION GROWTH IN SEVERAL MAINE COUNTIES

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, recently released population data for 1988 which indicate that Maine's population has increased by 7.2 percent since 1980. Population growth rates ranged from an increase of 3.2 percent in Penobscot County to 18.8 percent in York County. Population declines were recorded by Aroostook and Washington counties.

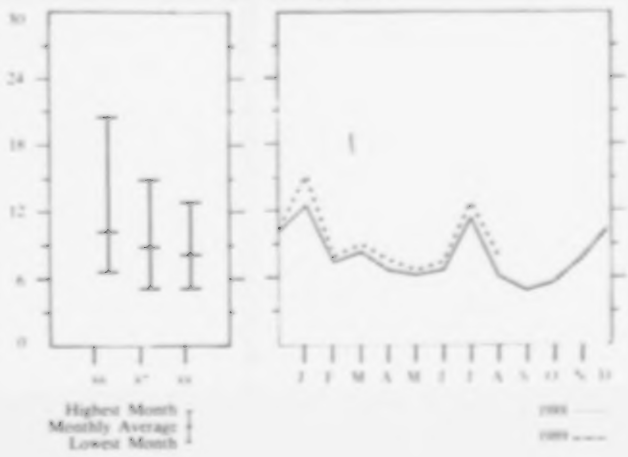
Net in-migration, more people moving in than moving out, provided 40.7 percent of statewide population growth between 1980 and 1988, or 33,000 out of a total population gain of 81,000. Of the 16 counties, 12 recorded net in-migration ranging from 500 in Franklin and Piscataquis counties to 19,300 in York County. Net in-migration accounted for 50 percent or more of the population growth over the past eight years in seven counties, ranging from 54.2 percent in Oxford County to 81.6 percent in Lincoln County. *See related table on page 2.*

Area	Rate of Population Growth 1980-1988	Net In-Migration as Percent of Population Growth 1980-1988
Maine	7.2%	40.7%
Androscoggin	3.8	*
Aroostook	-5.9	*
Cumberland	9.1	49.7
Franklin	6.6	27.8
Hancock	9.6	70.0
Kennebec	5.6	33.9
Knox	8.8	72.4
Lincoln	14.9	81.6
Oxford	5.0	54.2
Penobscot	3.2	*
Piscataquis	4.8	62.5
Sagadahoc	14.8	48.8
Somerset	6.2	39.3
Waldo	10.2	55.2
Washington	-0.3	*
York	18.8	73.7

* County experienced a net out-migration. More people moved out of the county than moved in.

UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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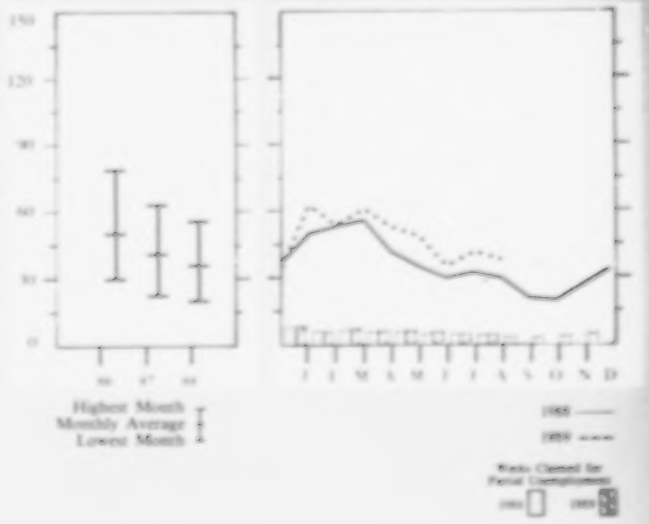


Population Estimates and Components of Change for Maine and Maine Counties, 1980-1988

Area	July 1, 1988 Population Estimate	April 1, 1980 (Census) Population	Change 1980 to 1988 Number	Change 1980 to 1988 Percent	Births	Deaths	Net Migration
Maine	**1,206,000**	**1,125,043**	**81,000**	**7.2%**	**138,000**	**90,000**	**33,000**
Androscoggin	103,300	99,509	3,800	3.8	12,300	8,100	-400
Aroostook	86,000	91,344	-5,400	-5.9	11,100	6,300	-10,200
Cumberland	235,500	215,789	19,700	9.1	27,200	17,300	9,800
Franklin	29,300	27,447	1,800	6.6	3,200	1,900	500
Hancock	45,800	41,781	4,000	9.6	5,200	3,900	2,800
Kennebec	116,100	109,889	6,200	5.6	12,800	8,700	2,100
Knox	35,800	32,941	2,900	8.8	4,000	3,200	2,100
Lincoln	29,500	25,691	3,800	14.9	3,200	2,500	3,100
Oxford	51,500	49,043	2,400	5.0	5,600	4,500	1,300
Penobscot	141,400	137,015	4,400	3.2	15,700	9,500	-1,800
Piscataquis	18,500	17,634	800	4.8	2,000	1,600	500
Sagadahoc	33,100	28,795	4,300	14.8	4,300	2,100	2,100
Somerset	47,800	45,049	2,800	6.2	5,500	3,800	1,100
Waldo	31,300	28,414	2,900	10.2	3,600	2,300	1,600
Washington	34,900	34,963	-100	-0.3	4,000	3,300	-800
York	166,000	139,739	26,200	18.8	17,800	10,900	19,300

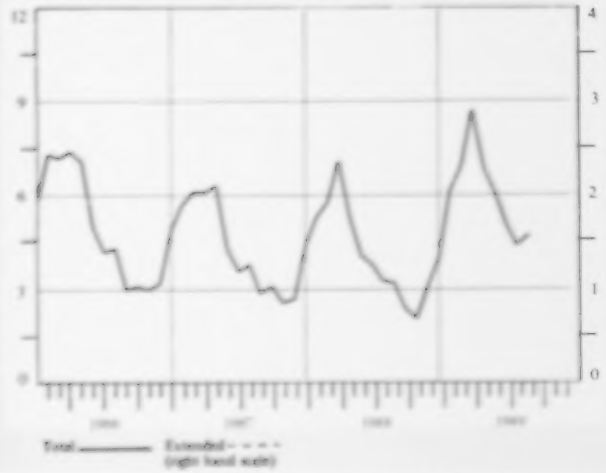
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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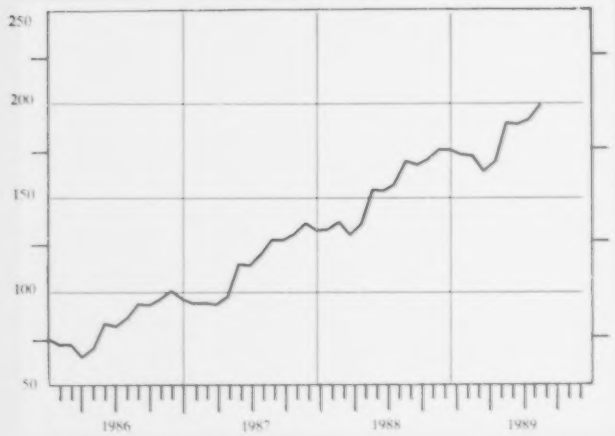
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1	536.6	531.5	535.0	135.7	136.6	131.1	40.7	39.8	40.4
Total Manufacturing	109.9	104.4	111.5	17.1	17.0	17.6	10.0	9.1	10.5
Durable Goods	50.1	49.0	51.2	8.1	8.0	8.6	2.9	2.7	3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	12.7	12.0	13.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.3	3.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.9
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.3	4.3	4.7	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.6	0.6	0.2
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10.0	9.9	11.3	3.1	3.1	3.6	(d)	(d)	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2	14.7	14.7	13.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3	4.9	4.8	4.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.9	0.8	0.3
Nondurable Goods	59.8	55.4	60.3	9.0	9.0	9.0	7.1	6.4	7.5
Food and Kindred Products	8.9	7.4	9.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.2	5.6	6.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.9	0.9	1.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.9	2.5	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.2	18.2	18.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.3	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.6	5.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.0	3.9	3.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.9	1.7	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	12.7	10.8	13.0	1.4	1.4	1.3	2.2	1.9	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.9	9.2	11.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.0	1.6	1.8
Other Nondurable Goods 4	1.4	1.4	1.3	3.5	3.5	3.6	*	0.0	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	426.7	427.1	423.5	118.6	119.6	113.5	30.7	30.7	29.9
Construction and Mining	38.5	38.4	38.6	9.9	10.0	9.8	2.5	2.5	2.6
Building Construction	12.7	12.2	13.7	2.6	2.6	2.9	0.6	0.6	0.7
Special Trade Contractors	17.3	17.2	17.2	5.5	5.7	5.1	1.7	1.7	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.5	22.0	21.7	4.7	5.6	5.5	1.3	1.4	1.5
Wholesale Trade	26.1	26.1	25.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	2.2	2.2	2.1
Retail Trade	109.4	109.5	108.2	31.5	31.2	29.3	8.5	8.3	7.9
Food Stores	19.3	19.1	19.5	4.6	4.6	4.4	1.5	1.4	1.5
Eating and Drinking Places	39.3	39.1	37.1	9.9	9.9	9.2	2.7	2.7	2.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.9	25.9	25.5	12.0	12.1	12.4	2.2	2.2	2.2
Banking	9.0	9.0	9.0	3.2	3.2	3.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.4	10.4	9.9	6.1	6.1	5.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Services	124.8	123.9	124.0	35.4	35.2	31.9	10.6	10.6	10.3
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	14.4	13.7	15.4	2.6	2.7	2.5	0.4	0.4	0.6
Business Services	14.6	14.7	13.8	5.1	5.1	4.9	1.1	1.1	1.0
Health Services	42.6	42.7	42.4	10.1	10.1	9.9	4.4	4.4	4.2
Federal Government	19.4	19.4	18.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5	63.0	63.9	61.8	12.7	13.0	12.1	3.1	3.2	3.0
Involved in Labor Management Disputes	1.6	0.0	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0

1. Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2. Transportation equipment and ammunition are combined in the Lewiston series. 3. Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide 25, 31, 38, 39; Portland 25, 31, 38, 39; Lewiston 39. 4. Includes SIC codes: Statewide 28, 29; Portland 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston 28, 29. 5. Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not they are paid in those months. n/a = data not available for reasons other than suppression. (d) = data withheld to avoid disclosure for public areas. *Less than 50. Add Nondisclosure note.

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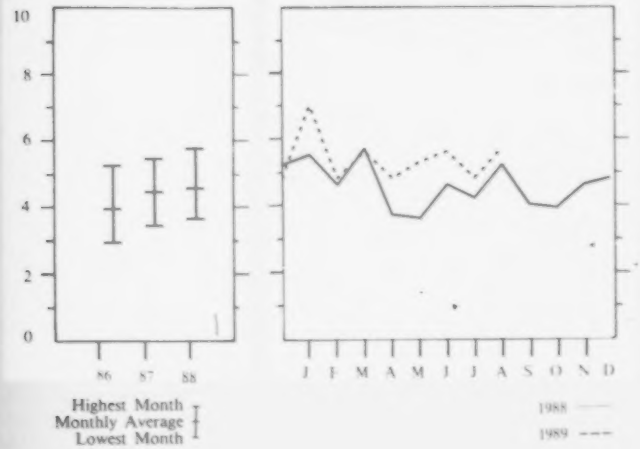
New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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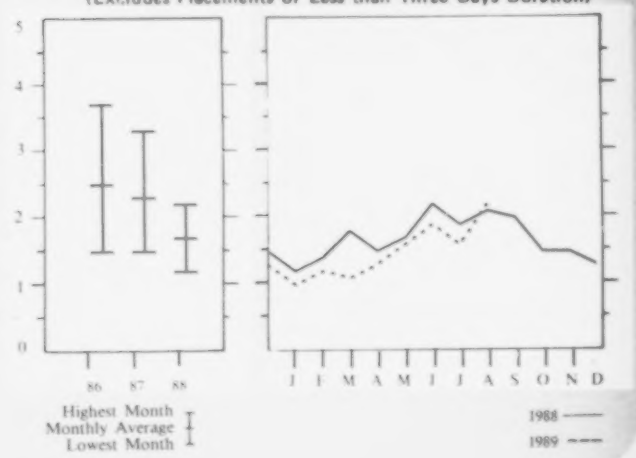
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1987	1986
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$397.39	$399.19	$377.51	40.1	39.8	40.9	$9.91	$10.03	$9.23	$9.31	$8.77	$8.65
Durable Goods	386.40	378.85	380.47	40.0	39.3	41.4	9.66	9.64	9.19	9.00	8.32	8.52
Lumber and Wood Products	365.98	360.90	352.22	40.8	40.1	40.3	8.97	9.00	8.74	8.60	7.82	7.74
Primary and Fabricated Metals	397.29	362.35	390.10	42.4	39.3	43.2	9.37	9.22	9.03	8.79	8.94	8.58
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	502.17	469.53	475.76	45.2	42.3	49.2	11.11	11.10	9.67	9.49	9.20	9.62
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	331.93	325.08	310.63	35.5	36.0	35.5	9.35	9.03	8.75	8.51	8.03	7.94
Other Durable Goods	404.40	406.61	397.10	40.4	40.1	41.8	10.01	10.14	9.50	9.31	8.60	9.41
Nondurable Goods	406.82	416.47	374.51	40.2	40.2	40.4	10.12	10.36	9.27	9.60	9.18	8.76
Food and Kindred Products	298.68	315.22	287.91	39.3	39.6	43.1	7.60	7.96	6.68	7.30	7.16	7.00
Textile Mill Products	345.26	349.46	312.44	41.2	40.4	39.7	8.38	8.65	7.87	7.66	7.35	7.04
Apparel and Other Textile Products	275.41	238.79	244.48	38.9	35.8	38.5	7.08	6.67	6.35	6.43	5.92	5.73
Paper and Allied Products	642.96	640.25	607.20	42.3	44.4	44.0	15.20	14.42	13.80	13.92	13.43	12.70
Leather and Leather Products	259.11	248.83	240.78	38.5	36.7	37.1	6.73	6.78	6.49	6.59	6.34	6.05
Other Nondurable Goods	351.27	341.30	315.62	38.9	37.3	36.7	9.03	9.15	8.60	8.62	8.28	8.00
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	416.05	388.74	385.70	38.1	37.2	40.6	10.92	10.45	9.50	9.58	9.13	9.17
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	323.90	328.79	308.84	39.5	38.5	37.3	8.20	8.54	8.23	8.08	7.40	7.19

Female Labor Force in Maine*

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	284.0	280.3	283.7
Unemployed	11.6	12.7	5.8
(Percent)	4.1%	4.5%	2.1%
Resident Employed	272.4	267.6	277.9

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	124.6	124.4	119.0	120.5
Percent Change for Past Month			+0.2	
Percent Change from Last December			+3.4	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago			+4.7	

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

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Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	629.4	631.4	616.0	610.2	609.5	600.9	19.2	21.9	15.0	3.0	3.5	2.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	45,400	45,400	44,000	44,100	44,200	43,000	1,300	1,200	1,000	2.9	2.6	2.3
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,400	42,400	40,800	39,500	39,800	39,500	1,800	2,600	1,300	4.3	6.1	3.2
Portland MSA	134,600	135,700	129,900	131,700	133,500	128,200	2,900	2,200	1,700	2.2	1.6	1.3
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	137,400	137,900	n/a	133,700	135,100	n/a	3,700	2,700	n/a	2.7	2.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	36,570	37,090	34,960	35,710	35,600	34,190	860	1,490	770	2.4	4.0	2.2
Bath-Brunswick	30,530	30,960	28,810	29,880	30,490	28,310	650	470	500	2.1	1.5	1.7
Belfast	11,610	11,820	11,640	10,980	11,020	10,920	630	800	720	5.4	6.8	6.2
Biddeford	30,790	30,420	29,050	30,070	29,280	28,620	720	1,140	430	2.3	3.7	1.5
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	17,240	17,410	16,900	16,950	17,150	16,700	290	260	200	1.7	1.5	1.2
Calais-Eastport	16,560	14,690	16,890	15,760	13,750	15,920	800	940	970	4.8	6.4	5.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,230	20,280	20,730	19,170	19,250	19,540	1,060	1,030	1,190	5.2	5.1	5.7
Central Penobscot	3,170	3,260	2,880	3,040	3,160	2,810	130	100	70	4.1	3.1	2.4
Dover-Foxcroft	6,960	7,060	6,880	6,610	6,610	6,680	350	450	200	5.0	6.4	2.9
Ellsworth	28,860	26,970	28,860	28,260	26,480	28,360	600	490	500	2.1	1.8	1.7
Farmington	12,550	12,730	12,190	11,830	11,960	11,730	720	770	450	5.7	6.0	3.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,380	5,400	4,730	5,150	5,080	4,580	230	320	150	4.3	5.9	3.2
Greenville	1,640	1,540	1,610	1,540	1,510	1,590	100	30	20	6.1	1.9	1.2
Houlton	6,390	6,150	6,570	6,020	5,840	6,220	370	310	350	5.8	5.0	5.3
Kittery-York 3/	30,270	30,270	30,840	30,010	29,990	30,650	260	280	190	0.9	0.9	0.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,320	5,340	5,340	5,100	5,120	5,070	220	220	270	4.1	4.1	5.1
Livermore Falls	4,620	4,820	4,410	4,420	4,510	4,210	200	310	200	4.3	6.4	4.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,970	3,990	3,920	3,780	3,770	3,730	190	220	190	4.8	5.5	4.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	3,950	3,940	4,100	3,820	3,850	3,950	130	90	150	3.3	2.3	3.7
Norway-Paris	12,450	12,640	12,680	11,940	12,010	12,370	510	630	310	4.1	5.0	2.4
Patten-Island Falls	2,350	2,370	2,390	2,240	2,260	2,300	110	110	90	4.7	4.6	3.8
Rockland	19,200	19,170	18,960	18,720	18,510	18,670	480	660	290	2.5	3.4	1.5
Rumford	8,110	8,200	7,900	7,670	7,670	7,550	440	530	350	5.4	6.5	4.4
Sanford	15,850	16,590	16,460	15,340	15,930	16,060	510	660	400	3.2	4.0	2.4
Sebago Lakes Region	15,340	15,540	14,530	14,960	15,160	14,310	388	380	220	2.5	2.4	1.5
Skowhegan	22,040	22,670	21,960	21,040	21,040	21,050	1,000	1,630	910	4.5	7.2	4.1
Southwest Penobscot	11,230	11,510	10,880	10,700	10,740	10,500	530	770	380	4.7	6.7	3.5
Waterville	24,960	25,130	24,350	24,250	24,300	23,760	710	830	590	2.8	3.3	2.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,845.0	1,793.9	n/a	1,781.5	1,733.1	n/a	63.5	60.8	n/a	3.4	3.4
Massachusetts	3,243.0	3,245.0	3,181.6	3,117.0	3,097.0	3,083.1	126.0	148.0	98.5	3.9	4.6	3.1
New Hampshire	n/a	638.9	619.6	n/a	618.4	603.4	n/a	20.5	16.2	n/a	3.2	2.6
Rhode Island	534.3	537.8	537.8	515.1	516.4	521.5	19.2	21.4	16.4	3.6	4.0	3.0
Vermont	307.1	311.8	300.0	296.2	300.2	293.9	11.0	11.6	6.1	3.6	3.7	2.0
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	7,209.9	7,048.9	n/a	6,923.0	6,835.9	n/a	286.9	213.0	n/a	4.0	3.0
UNITED STATES	125,444	126,238	123,396	119,092	119,502	116,737	6,352	6,736	6,659	5.1	5.3	5.4

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes:

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment data for most areas have been benchmarked to and are adjusted from the Current Population Survey estimates for this state. All data include members of the Armed Forces. Data are subject to periodic revision. Explanation and comparability data are available from the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

2/ Current figures preliminary; all others final and may not agree because of rounding.

3/ Kittery-York is the only labor market area in the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Note:

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants*	7,075	11,583	5,081	1,007	1,001	585	695	1,613	515

* Continued week claimants are last partials for week including the 12th of the month.

INVESTING IN MAINE PEOPLE:
A DIRECTORY OF MAINE'S EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS - 1989

A new directory, entitled Investing in Maine People: A Directory of Maine's Education and Training Programs - 1989, is now available from the Cumberland County Training Resource Center in Portland. The development of the guide, which is intended to serve as a resource for information on the many human resource development programs available to Maine citizens, was one of the 30 action steps included in the Maine Human Resource Development Council's Annual Plan for 1988-89.

Its 71 pages review 46 education and training programs, with information on program goals, funding sources, eligibility requirements, application procedures, and contact persons. A key is included which assists the user in identifying the major client groups served by each program. The client groups include older workers; veterans; unemployed, displaced or dislocated workers; youth; economically disadvantaged citizens; people who have not completed high school; people who have disabilities; and employers and their employees. Also included are appendices listing local offices with addresses and telephone numbers.

In the preface of the directory, Governor John R. McKernan encourages employers, private and public sector planners, economic development groups, government officials, and others to take advantage of the guide, which is the first ever developed for the State. "Maine's future depends on our education and job training programs, on the talented and committed people who deliver them, and, most importantly, on those individuals who take advantage of these services to improve their education and skills," states Governor McKernan in his opening letter.

Investing in Maine People: A Directory of Maine's Education and Training Programs - 1989, is available for $4.25 per copy and may be obtained by contacting the Cumberland County Training Resource Center, 185 Lancaster Street, P.O. Box 8048, Portland, Maine 04104-8048, or by calling 1-800-322-5844 or 775-5891.

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